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TRAGEDY ON EMPRESS

FILIPINO AMOK IN COLONY.

FULL DETAILS

SILENCE DURING THE STABBING.

With the arrival in port this morning of the s.s. Empress of Canada, further details are to hand of the gruesome tragedy that took place on board at 9.30 a.m. on the morning of June 5, while the ship was making the journey from Honolulu to Yokohama. A Filipino steerage passenger—named Graciano Bilas—went amok, killing two members of the crew and injuring 29, including two Europeans.

Normal at First.

Occupants of the same cabin as Bilas said that he embarked at Honolulu, and at that time he seemed perfectly normal, but as the journey progressed he seemed to get unsettled. At meals, he would go to the dining room and eat without sitting down, sometimes only partaking of a few mouthfuls before going out again.

He occupied a bunk that was farthest from the door, No. A.33, and on the morning of the tragedy there were several people sleeping in the cabin, which accommodated 35 passengers. A Filipino passenger and his wife were sleeping near the door, but Bilas made no attempt to stab them.

The First Victim.

A Japanese passenger, who was writing a letter in the cabin, was the first victim, receiving a wound in the arm. From there Bilas made his way toward the door, stabbing, indiscriminately, the occupants of the bottom berths.

On gaining the alley way on the port side he continued along the passage in the direction of the forward part. As he walked along he stabbed at anyone whom he came across.

A strange feature of the whole affair is that the man did not make any disturbance, but continued his way in silence. He traversed more than 100 yards of alley way, and finally came to the steerage airing space.

A Terrible Wound.

Three men were making their way up the companion way from a lower deck, when Bilas arrived on the scene. He made a lunge at the foremost of the trio, and inflicted a terrible wound. The other two men bolted. Bilas descended this companionway, and, on reaching the lower deck, stabbed several more people. He once more ascended to "B" deck, by the way he had come, and climbed down a steel ladder down a hole known as the tunnel escape, which leads to the engine room. It was in this passage that the man was finally trapped, being caught by the Master at Arms and the Chief Officer.

Two Shots Fired.

A member of the crew who took part in the capture said that when the man was cornered he was called upon to throw down the knife, he replied "What for?" It was not until two shots had been fired that he did so.

The two men who were killed were both Chinese members of the crew—Chan Ching, second-class deck steward and Chan Yiu, the No. 1 joiner. The steward was found in a dying condition in the passage, stabbed in the neck. No one saw him attacked. Chan Yiu was stabbed through the heart.

Names of Injured.

The names of the injured people are—

European Crew:—
William Caldwell, Stores Steward.
Charles F. Campbell Sanitary Engineer.

Asiatic Crew:—
R. Ranzaki.
M. Isogoro.
Cheung Kui.
Wong Hung.
Wong Wing.
Ting Wong.
Tang Shing.
Au Tai.
Au Bun.
Chan Tan-hing.
Tsang Kwai.
Chung On.
Tsang Bo.
Lum Sui-sai.
Ho Fat.

Asiatic Passengers:—
Nisimoto Sekitaro.
Kishibe Yogoro.
Nakamura Namie.
Sawai Mitau.
Wataru Sonomorus.
Kono Saizo.

The weapon with which the attack was made was an ordinary pocket knife, having two blades and a tin opener. This would enable the murderer to make his way almost unnoticed as the knife was small enough to be concealed in the hand.

It was stated this morning that the man has not had a lucid moment since the day of his running amok.

CASE OF HONG KONG'S CIVIL SERVANTS.

Lord Passfield and the Currency Problem.

COMMISSION'S REPORT.

London, Yesterday.

Lord Passfield, Minister for the Colonies, presiding over a largely attended dinner in the Coropa Club to-night, said he hoped that the single phrase of the Colonial Service would be accepted throughout the Empire and that the Service would be as attractive as the Indian Civil Service had been. He feared now that the latter had passed its zenith.

As regards Hong Kong, he commented on the complication of trade depression by the currency problem, and added that the report of the Ezechiel-Clauson Commission in that connection was receiving very careful consideration.

He regretted the necessity of reducing the temporary high cost of living allowances in the Malayan Civil Service and pointed out that the Civil Service in Britain had been substantially reduced also.—Reuter.

OPIUM IN SARDINES.

"INNOCENT FISHERMEN" AT MARSEILLES.

A new method of opium smuggling has been discovered at Marseilles.

The smugglers are ostensibly fishermen engaged in catching sardines, and they operate in conjunction with other smugglers stationed on board ships coming from the East. The latter take the drug, which has been embarked at some Chinese port, and pack it in large tin drums, which are buoyed and dropped over the side several miles from the coast.

The buoys, which might be taken for lobster pots, arouse no suspicion. As soon as the ship has passed, a boat puts out from the shore, steers for the buoy, and hauls up the sunken drum.

The opium or cocaine is then concealed in some barrels of sardines, while the boat returns to Marseilles. The precious cargo is landed and transferred to certain bars on the quays which do a traffic in drugs.

If the Customs authorities or police manifest curiosity, the smugglers point to the sardines as evidence of a hard day's fishing.

Recently, however, this explanation was not accepted, and search was made in the boat, resulting in the discovery of several hundreds of pounds worth of opium and cocaine. The inquiry which followed showed that sardine fishing has regularly served as a mask for smuggling.

PALESTINE POLICY.

DR. SHIELS TO DISCUSS MANDATE IN GENEVA.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Dr. Drummond Shiels, Under Secretary for the Colonies, leaves to-morrow for Geneva to attend the forthcoming session of the Permanent Mandates Commission, as accredited representative of the United Kingdom Government for the examination of the annual report on Palestine.—British Wireless Service.

CHINESE MINISTER RESIGNS.

Dr C. C. Wu Affected by Events in South?

FORMER MAYOR OF CANTON.

Washington, Yesterday.

The Chinese Minister to the United States, Dr. Ch'ao Chu-wu, has tendered his resignation "for political reasons."—Reuter's American Service.

[Dr. C. C. Wu, a son of the late Mr. Wu T'ing-fang, was born in Tsinhui, Kwangtung, in 1886, and gained his LL.B. degree at London University in 1911, later being admitted to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn. In 1913 he became a Member of Parliament, and in 1915 a Counsellor in the

Dr. C. C. WU.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Cabinet. In 1919 he was appointed as delegate to the Paris Peace Conference, and, on his return to China in the following year, was appointed Vice-Minister and later Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Government of Canton, a post which he occupied until 1924. In 1925, during the strike, he was Mayor of Canton and in 1927 was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Nanking Nationalist Government. In 1929, being succeeded by Dr. C. T. Wang, he was appointed Chinese Minister to the United States and concurrently senior delegate to the League of Nations Assembly. He has been a member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee since 1926 and is the author of "Nationalist China's Programme."]

FRENCH COLONIAL EXHIBITION.

Our Foreign Minister to Attend.

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Government has accepted the invitation of Marshal Lyautey, President of the French Colonial International Exhibition, conveyed to them by the French Government, to send a representative to visit the Exhibition and have requested the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, to attend the Exhibition on their behalf during the British week which is being arranged in the month of July.—British Wireless Service.

LOTTERY LAWS.

MINISTER'S ASSUMPTION OF PUBLIC OPINION.

UNWILLING TO MOVE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day the Home Secretary, Mr. J. P. Clynes, stated that the Government had given careful consideration to the suggestions that an inquiry should be held into the lottery and sweepstake laws, but it was not satisfied on present information that the balance of opinion in Parliament or the country was in favour of a revision of the existing laws.—British Wireless Service.

DISASTER TO POSEIDON

NO REPLY TO TAPPING.

OFFICIAL REPORT

FOREIGN NAVAL SYMPATHY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

An Admiralty communique issued this afternoon states that "Information has now been received from the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station that there is no foundation for the report that any of the crew of the submarine Poseidon, which sank in collision on Tuesday, are still alive. The Hermes reports that there has been no reply to external tapping on the hull of the submarine."

Among many telegrams of sympathy received at the Admiralty are messages on behalf of the Navies of France, Greece, Japan, Yugo-Slavia, Spain, Sweden and the United States.—British Wireless Service.

Other Messages.

London, Yesterday.

The Admiralty has received messages of sympathy in connection with the submarine disaster on behalf of the French, Greek, Japanese, Yugo-Slav, Spanish, Swedish and United States Navies, also from the Canadian Minister of Defence, the Siamese Minister of Marine and Messrs. Vickers Armstrong.

Later Cables.

Wei-hai-wei, Yesterday.

It is difficult to obtain authentic information of the Poseidon, as the survivors are still aboard the Medway, which is standing by the wreck. The submarine is lying in about 110 feet of water, 20 miles from the harbour. There is apparently no hope of saving the 18 ratings. Divers have been tapping the hull of the submerged vessel, but have had no response lately.

The U.S. salvage ship Pigeon from Tsingtao is expected to arrive this afternoon to assist in the efforts to raise the Poseidon. The Commander-in-Chief, Sir Howard Kelly, who is aboard H.M.S. Suffolk, is expected on Saturday.

The funeral of A. B. Lovock and Stoker Winter took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The funeral was attended by the Poseidon survivors as well as numerous officers and men of the British warships, the British Consul, a party of Chinese marines, and a detachment from the Italian cruiser Sebastiano Caboto.

Wei-hai-wei, Yesterday.

It is now certain that the eighteen entombed men in the submarine Poseidon are not alive.

Chefoo, Yesterday.

A Pressman returning from Wei-hai-wei reports that the Naval authorities are abandoning hope of saving any of the eighteen entombed men in the Poseidon.

It is proposed to use compressed air to raise the Poseidon, but it is understood that at least a week must elapse before this can be accomplished.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The North China Daily News of Shanghai has opened a fund for the benefit of dependants and relatives of the Poseidon victims.—Reuter.

FOOTBALLER'S £6 10s. A WEEK.

And Draws The Dole As Well.

Tales of the dole—told in mail week by Mr. J. F. G. Price, of the Ministry of Labour, to the Royal Commission on Unemployment Insurance:

A footballer who earned £6 10s. for two days' football received four days' unemployment insurance benefit as well.

In at least six cases at Huddersfield men arranged to take employment as sandwichmen in rotation on one day a week in order to secure sufficient contributions to qualify for unemployment benefit.

"Have you solved the problem of the professional footballer yet?" asked a member of the commission.

Mr. Price: We have got a decision from the umpire which is likely to be helpful. It indicates that it is quite likely that this kind of intermittent worker will not be able to draw benefit in future to the extent he has in the past.

LABOUR TO BE LEFT IN THE LURCH?

Liberals Disagree Over Land Tax Proposals.

FALL OF THE GOVERNMENT?

Rugby, Yesterday.

The situation that will arise next week in the House of Commons, when the Liberal amendment to the Land Tax is discussed was described by Mr. Lloyd George in a speech in Edinburgh to-day in support of the Liberal Party, and contemplates an important change in the character of the proposed new land tax, which is based on the principle of general site value duty.

Liberals propose that the tax should fall exclusively on undeveloped land by conceding to owners the right to deduct from the land tax the amount paid on the same land as Income-tax.

The newspapers state that the Government will resist the amendment, which the Chief Liberal Whip declares will be pressed. The amendment is promised the full support of the Conservatives.

Fair Treatment.

As a combination of Liberals and Conservatives would outnumber the Government supporters in the House of Commons, the possibility of a Liberal-Labour compromise is discussed in the Press.

Mr. Lloyd George this afternoon said that Liberals must adhere to the decision they had taken unanimously. He added that they were taking this attitude not to create embarrassment for the Government, but because they demanded fair treatment for owners of land.—British Wireless Service.

HOURS OF WORK IN THE MINES.

Commission Reaches Full Agreement.

REMOVING DIFFICULTIES.

Rugby, Yesterday.

At Geneva to-day the Commission on Labour in Coal Mines arrived at a complete agreement on conditions for lignite mines.

The German Government made concessions which will make it possible to arrive at a general convention.

The British Mines Minister, Mr. T. Shinwell, is reported to have taken a leading part in removing the difficulties which might have led, as last year, to the throwing over of the International Agreement on the hours of miners.—British Wireless Service.

FINE TO SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states:

The typhoon is central about 150 miles N.E. of Nagasaki, moving N.E.

A somewhat deep depression lies over the Gulf of Pechili.

Forecast:—E. or variable winds, moderate; fine to showery.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.59 inch. Total since January 1—28.29 inches against an average of 29.43 inches—deficit 1.14 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	76
Macao	77
Pratas Island	77
Manila	79
Foochow	75
Chefoo	67
Shanghai	61

WHAT THE DOLE HAS COST BRITAIN.

Treasury Advances to Date Total £85,620,000.

LABOUR SATISFIED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Parliamentary Labour Party held a special meeting to-day to consider the first report of the Royal Commission on unemployment benefit. The Prime Minister and Mr. Arthur Henderson both made statements. Several questions were answered and the meeting expressed confidence in the way the Government were dealing with the matter.

In Parliament this afternoon the Premier answered in the negative a question as to whether it was proposed to call the three-Party conference for a further consideration of the whole question of unemployment insurance now that the interim report has been published.

The Minister of Labour, Miss Bondfield, answering a question, said that the amount of Treasury advances to the unemployment insurance fund to date was £85,620,000, leaving unexhausted the balance of borrowing powers of £4,380,000. That was likely to be exhausted early in July and further provision would be necessary before that time.—British Wireless Service.

S.M.R. PRESIDENT.

RESIGNATION AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

Tokyo, To-day.

After various contradictory reports it now appears established that Mr. Seng Oku, President of the S.M.R., who has been a long time ill, tendered his resignation late last night.

It is generally believed that Baron Takio Izawa, formerly Governor-General of Formosa, will succeed him.—Reuter.

OVERTURNED AT 60 M.P.H.

Police Car Unlucky in Dash After Suspects.

A station sergeant and three constables were injured when a police car in which they were chasing suspected shop raiders overturned at Ilford.

Shortly after 2 a.m. a watchman employed at a garage in Ilford Lane, Ilford, heard the smashing of glass and saw four men with a van taking goods from the shop window of Mr. Harding, an outfitter, a short distance away.

Taylor promptly telephoned to the Ilford police station and the station motor-car containing a sergeant and three constables was soon tearing down Ilford Lane. The thieves saw the car coming and backed their car into a side road.

Overturned at Corner

As they anticipated, the police motor-car overshot the mark and went on some distance before pulling up.

The thieves drew out into Ilford Lane and turned towards Ilford Broadway.

The police car turned round and gave chase at 60 m.p.h. and were soon close behind the fugitives.

At the junction of Ilford Lane and Hampton Road the leading car swerved to the right causing the police car to swerve as well. Owing to the speed at which it was being driven the vehicle overturned. It struck the wall of a shop and all the policemen were thrown out.

Policemen's Injuries.

P.C. Palmer was slightly injured on one leg, and P.C. Austin received slight injuries to the neck. Station-Sergt. Dade was also only slightly injured. P.C. Beckworth, who was injured on the left side and shoulder, has been placed on the sick list.

The thieves' car raced on and disappeared.

CANTON AND CUSTOMS

RECOVERY OF THE SURPLUS.

SNUB TO NANKING

FOREIGN LOANS NOT IN DANGER.

Canton, Yesterday.

The Ministry of Finance is authorised by the National Government to take immediate steps for the recovery of Customs surplus yielded in Kwangtung and Kwangsi, according to a Government communique released yesterday for publication by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The official text is as follows:—

The Customs revenue collected in the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi (known as the Liangkwang) yield a considerable surplus or balance after deduction of the cost of administration and the service of foreign loans and indemnities exclusively charged on the Customs.

As the continued payment of this Customs surplus to Chiang Kai-shek's tax-gatherer would entirely subserve — not national interests — but the personal interests of Chiang Kai-shek and his family, the National Government now established at Canton insist on the payment of the surplus to their Minister of Finance.

With this end in view, the Minister of Finance has authorised negotiations with the Customs authorities on terms calculated to secure a reasonable settlement of the question while safeguarding the efficiency and integrity of the Customs Administration as a national fiscal institution.

Safeguards Provided.

After an unusual exercise of patience and forbearance, the Minister of Finance finds that the Customs authorities — acting doubtlessly under the orders of the rebel authorities at Nanking — are unwilling to give effect to an order issued by him to the Commissioner of Customs at Canton, instructing the latter to remit to the Ministry of Finance the surplus or balance of the Customs revenues of the Liangkwang after providing for (a) the administrative expenses of the Customs Houses in the two provinces and (b) the Liangkwang share of the service of the foreign loans and indemnities charged on the Customs.

To Take Over Customs.

The foregoing terms being the final word of the Minister of Finance in the matter and compliance with the same having been refused by the Customs authorities, the National Government have authorised the Minister of Finance to proceed immediately to the assertion of his authority and power in and over Customs Administration and to take the necessary administrative and disciplinary measures to enforce payment to the Ministry of Finance of the Customs surplus in the Liangkwang.

These measures, says the Canton Gazette, have now been taken in the case of the Customs Service at Canton which has been formally brought under the effective control of the Ministry of Finance and continues to function in a normal way.

To Supervise Receipts.

Following the settlement of the Customs surplus to be remitted directly to the Ministry of Finance in Canton, the Ministry has decided to send special officers to the various Customs throughout the Liangkwang provinces so as to supervise the receipts of revenues, according to a vernacular source.

N.A.A.F.I. STORE THEFT.

Mr. T. J. Grover, Manager of the Naval, Army and Air Force Institute's store at Stonecutters Island, has reported to the Police that between 8 and 10 o'clock last night some person forced open a window of the Institute's kiosk on the beach and stole minerals, chocolates and cigarettes to the total value of $34.84.

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INDUSTRY IN AMERICA.

Reduction of Production And Selling Costs.

PROBLEM OF BUYING POWER.

Throughout industry in the United States the necessity of reducing costs of production and selling prices of the product has been the paramount consideration of executives during the past several months, and the progress made in that direction continues notable, and is one of the encouraging features of the situation. The methods by which this reduction is being accomplished are varied; they include lower prices of raw materials, economies in organization, increases in productive efficiency, and salary and wage reductions. In many cases the economies achieved in other directions have enabled manufacturers to reduce costs and selling prices substantially without resort to general horizontal wage cuts, and the tendency to avoid such cuts, or defer them as long as possible, is a matter of common observation. However, the number of reductions announced has increased since the first of the year, and whereas the largest number reported by the Department of Labour in any month of 1930 was 133 in August there were 335 in January this year, 228 in February, and 175 in March.

The "Conspiracy" Myth.

The use in the newspapers of the word "conspiracy" in connection with wage reductions is so manifestly extreme that it can be dismissed. They can be no more an outcome of conspiracy than the declines in, say, commodity prices and dividends have been. It is evident that employers generally are approaching the question with a deep sense of social responsibility and a sobering realization of the broadness and importance of the principles involved. Those who have the financial strength to carry through dull times, and in whose unit costs labour bulks relatively small, will doubtless make every effort now, as they have done during the past year or more, to carry on without cutting wage rates. On the other hand, the disparity between costs and competitive selling prices is compelling an increasing number of those with relatively high unit labour charges to reduce them. In many instances the ensuing reduction of selling prices is permitting operations that otherwise could not be conducted, and to that extent keeping up the amount of wages actually disbursed.

Maintaining Buying Power.

The problem of maintaining the buying power of the population is one of preserving the balance between the different groups of producers and consumers. What is wanted is a price level for commodities that will enable goods to exchange freely in the markets. If the price of labour, or any other item entering into the cost of manufactured goods, is too high in terms of what large groups of consumers such as farmers and producers of raw materials (who have suffered heavy declines in purchasing power) can pay, the mechanism of exchange is thrown out of gear, production slows down, people are thrown out of work and purchasing ability everywhere is curtailed. In other words, while we do not wish to take any general stand either for or against wage cuts, we consider it desirable to point out that a broad view of the situation must take account of many factors besides the wage rate. Perhaps the simplest statement of buying power is that it is the product of hourly wage rates multiplied by hours of employment, divided by prices of the things bought. The desirable high quotient must be sought through equitable adjustment of all three elements. It is as necessary to keep the man at work and to sell him goods cheaply as it is to pay him a high nominal wage scale. Adjustment of these factors will vary in different industries. In practice the problem is being worked out carefully by manufacturers with the facts of cost sheets before them, and the decisions thus reached are likely to be wise regardless of which theories they square with.

Increased Individual Productivity.

The reduction of costs through increasing individual productivity is what makes possible high money wages and low selling prices. This productivity is a compound of many factors, including personal efficiency of labour, technical competence of management and the aid supplied by capital in the form of equipment and machinery. It is universal testimony that output per workman rises in times like these. We have already given some interesting examples of this rise in discussing building costs. This increase in output is a good argument for maintenance of wage scales, but it also illustrates the wasteful laxness of productive efficiency that accumulates in boom periods. We do not hold a fatalistic attitude as to the necessity or depressions, but we recognize that they are the most effective enemies of the wastefulness and unproductiveness which can seldom be combatted when they are at their worst, i.e., during the upswings. Decision whether the increase in labour efficiency is sufficient to avert the necessity for wage reductions must be made; we repeat, by each manufacturer on the basis of the actual conditions he faces.

Fears For The Standard Of Living Baseless.

The formula for buying power stated above supplies a key for the examination of the statement that lower wage rates endanger the American standard of living. We think it correct to say that what is temporarily affecting that standard is not cuts in wage rates in reasonable proportion—to declines in the cost of living, but the inability of American employers, who are unable to reduce costs (including wage costs) and selling prices to the market's requirements, to give work to American workmen. Standards of living are determined not by the number of dollars per hour or day a man is paid for working, but by what he can buy with the total number of dollars he receives. The dollar is merely a counter in an exchange of labour for goods and services. This is fairly well understood in this country, where the term "real wages" is generally familiar; it has been discussed at length previously in these letters, and requires no further expositon at this time.

There would be more occasion for concern over the maintenance of American standards of living if there were any reason to believe that technical progress in the production of old goods and the creation of new has come to an end. But the contrary is the case. Laboratories are being extended, not abandoned; engineers and other scientists are more numerous and able, and managers more efficient, not less. Out of their work will come in the future, as in the past, the chief gains in living standards, which are achieved by reductions in costs.

AUSTRIA'S MONEY DIFFICULTIES.

Bitter Comment on New Developments.

FINANCIAL SECURITY.

Vienna, May 29.

That the financial security of Austria has been bought at too high a price by giving up the country's financial independence is the impression prevailing here after the bill establishing the State's unlimited liability for the foreign obligations of the Wiener Creditanstalt had been passed by the National Council and after the Bank for International Settlements in Basle had announced that ten of the leading central banks had agreed to grant the national bank of Austria the necessary cash credit to help in tiding the bank over the difficulties caused by the foreign entanglements of the Creditanstalt.

In future Austria's finances will be controlled and managed by foreigners, namely, by a French financial expert in the person of Professor Rist, who will supervise the Creditanstalt, and by a representative of the International Bank who is on his way to Vienna where he is to be installed as financial adviser to the national bank of Austria.

Bitter Press Comment.

Some papers comment bitterly on these developments and on the fact that in spite of the obvious inability of the Austrian State, or of what was left-of-it-by-the-peace treaties, to sustain itself, the proposal to follow the natural cause of economic unity with Germany in order to get at least a certain amount of stabilisation, had aroused in certain countries such a degree of animosity that it could not be described and interpreted otherwise other than as a reminder of the old prejudice bred by the war. And now, the papers say, another proof has been given of the impossible state of affairs created by the peace treaties. These countries have used the opportunity to prevent Austria from taking the course that might have led to her economic revival and aim at the definite extinction of her financial and economic sovereignty. That such methods will lead to an economic rehabilitation of Europe must, these papers assert, seriously be doubted.
—Trans-Ocean Kuo Min.

FINANCIAL WISDOM OF THE WEEK.

The Restoration of Confidence.

Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George P.C., M.P.:—All taxation is the nationalisation of somebody's property.

Lord Irwin:—Those who desire change are not always sensible of the great traditions of the past, and those who dwell so firmly on the past are disposed sometimes to forget that change is one of the great laws of life.

Lord Macmillan, chairman, Banking and Finance Commission:—By all means let us have the best administration of our currency. But all these things are in vain unless they maintain the character of the people for enterprise and probity.

Sir William H. Goschen, K.B.E., chairman, Anglo-Celtic Trust, Ltd.:—It is difficult to see for the moment what can be done to bring back that confidence which is necessary to its proper basis.

Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mar and Kellie, K.T., chairman, Scottish Union and National Insurance Co.:—There is little doubt that a great part of the recent losses to the small investor have occurred as a result of lack of financial training and knowledge on his part as well as from a desire to get rich quickly.

Mr. F. W. Pascoe Rutter, governor and chairman, London and Lancashire Insurance Co., Ltd.:—We are suffering especially because we have not, in this post-War era, made a serious attempt to cut our coat according to our cloth.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 15th day of June, 1931, at 8 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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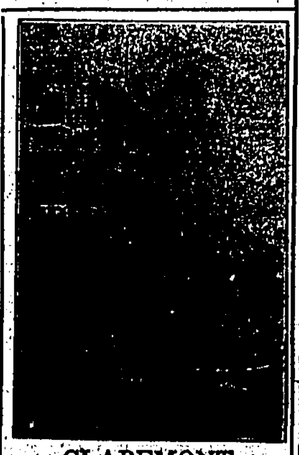

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 8th day of June, to MONDAY, 15th day of June, 1931, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1931.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th June, 1931, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th June to 1st July, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 27th May, 1931.

GENERAL NOTICES

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

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Hong Kong, June 10, 1931.

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THE ROMANCE OF RUBBER.

A Truly Remarkable Story.

BEETLES AND LATEX.

The romance and the rise of the great rubber industry was told in a most interesting way by Mr. W. Carruthers Bell, of Lee, at a luncheon of the Ilfracombe Rotary Club held at Southcombe's Restaurant, says the Ilfracombe Chronicle.

Mr. Bell, who for many years was engaged in the rubber industry in Malaya, at the outset observed that the history of rubber is truly a remarkable story, and one which shows how small things can bring about world changes. It was possibly an insect, a wood-boring beetle, which was responsible for first bringing to the notice of mankind the milky juice of certain trees, in other words, latex.

These borer beetles attacked a certain species of trees and vines in the primeval jungles of South America, and the wounds they made caused the trees to ooze a white juice which hardened in the wounded bark, often imprisoning the insect in the same way that a fly is sometimes embedded in amber. This "wound response" was the trees' natural protection against bark damage and was doubtless first noticed by the natives of South America.

The First Bouncing Ball.

Probably the first Westerners to learn about rubber were the crew who sailed with Columbus, who were surprised to find the natives playing with solid balls which bounced in the air. These balls were reported to have been made of the gum of a tree.

It was not until 1791 that the first attempts were made to use rubber in industry, when Samuel Peel invented a process for the covering of cloth with a mixture of rubber dissolved in turpentine.

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After describing early methods of tapping rubber by natives, Mr. Bell went on to say that the specimens of rubber seed were collected up the Amazon river and eventually conveyed to Kew Gardens, London. Special care was taken with them, but only a small percentage germinated, of which seedling specimens were sent to India, Ceylon and Singapore.

Owing to soil conditions, however, most of them gradually died off, and in 1879 about only seven living specimens remained. These were transplanted to more suitable environment, and from that time onwards the young trees did remarkably well. About that time there was a slump in coffee, then the leading culture in Malaya, and planters were forced to look around for an alternative. They therefore started to grow rubber trees, and so began in embryo the present huge rubber industry, the capital in which amounts to several millions of pounds.

The Boom—and After.

Serious planting took place in 1905, and in 1910 there was a great boom in rubber, the price soaring to as much as 12s. 10d. per lb. Planters were naturally encouraged to go forward, and in the following year no less than 180,000 new acres were planted. Since then the industry had continued to grow at an enormous rate, but in recent years there had been over-production, with the result that the price of the commodity now stood at less than 4d. per lb.

An interesting discussion followed, during which Mr. Bell emphasised that there could be no prospect of an improvement in the price of rubber until some scheme of restricted output was put into force. If the present conditions continued, he said, it would mean that many British companies would not be able to carry on, and a great industry built up by the initiative and enterprise of British men might pass into the hands of others.

That was a prospect which gave food for thought and it was most desirable that every effort should be made to evolve a scheme whereby rubber could be produced at a profit and the control of the industry remain largely under the direction of Britons.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

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5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7.02-7.20 p.m.—Four Ways Suite (Eric Coates).
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2. Southwards (Valse),
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4. Westwards (Rhythm),
Regal Cinema Orchestra (9755-7).

7.20-7.47 p.m.—Vocal Gems from Gilbert & Sullivan.
The Mikado, Columbia Light Opera Co. (9581).
Iolanthe ..Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX17).
H.M.S. "Pinafore", Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX205).

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

7.47-8.18 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestral—
Thrill Me,
One Little Raindrop,
Ted Wallace & His Campus Boys (D2413).
Organ Solo—
With a Song in My Heart,
Body & Soul,
Quentin M. Maclean (DB46).
Vocal Duet—
You Brought a New Kind of Love to Me,
My Future Just Passed,
Layton & Johnstone (DB274).
Orchestral—
Would You Like to Take a Walk,
He's Not Worth Your Tears,
Ben Selvin & His Orchestra (2381-D).

8.18-8.45 p.m.—Orchestral.
More Melodious Memories (arr. Finck),
Herman Finck & His Orch. (DX197-8).
The Song of the Drum (Ellis & Finck),
Herman Finck & His Orch. (DX233).

8.45-9.26 p.m.—A Concert.
Song—
The Songs My Mother Sang (arr. Grimshaw),
Doris Vane, Soprano (DX157).
Violin Solo—
Zapateado (Sarasate),
Efrem Zimbalist (9650).
Chorus—Three Cossack Songs—
(a) Blow, Oh Blow,
(b) There's a Cloud of Dust,
(c) A Little Red Berry (Gretchaninoff),
Don Cossack's Choir (DX231).
Piano Solo—
Shepherd's Hey (Grainger),
County Gardens (Grainger),
Percy Grainger (D1664).
Song—
The Midshipmite (Weatherly & Adams),
Norman Allin, Bass (DX106).
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Octet—
Scent of Jasmine (J. H. Squire),
Song of the Waterfall (J. H. Squire),
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (DB107).

9.26-10.12 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
A Country Girl—Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX73).
Nippy—Selection, Debroy Somers' Band (DX167).
The Belle of New York—Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co. (9525).
Sally—Selection, Regal Cinema Orchestra (DX25).
Bitter Sweet—Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co. (9900).

10.12-10.28 p.m.—Band Selections.
The Evolution of Dixie (M. L. Lake), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (DX228).
Hyde Park Suite—
(a) Sunday Morning Church Parade,
(b) Rotten Row,
(c) On the Serpentine,
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A terrible Naval disaster, in which 18 ratings went down with the ship, and two others died after their rescue, occurred when H.M. submarine Poseidon was rammed and sunk by the Chinese coaster s.s. Yuta, 10 miles off Wei-hai-wei. The Yuta picked up a number of the ship's crew, all the officers being saved. A remarkable feature of the disaster was the escape of six ratings by use of the Davis Submarine Escape Apparatus. They were picked up by boats from H.M. ships that were rushed to the scene. The wreck was located later. A complete report appears in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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An alleged boycott by public motor car drivers in the Colony, of a European lady, had its sequel at the Magistracy. It was contended by witnesses that the lady had been in the habit of under-paying the drivers, who now refused to accept her as a passenger. The allegations were emphatically denied. The *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* reports the case in detail.

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The *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* also contains the only complete report of an intriguing case in which a young Chinese was sued for $10,000 for slander of his fiancee's uncle, over an alleged impropriety towards the girl, which occurred eight years ago. After hearing lengthy evidence, the parties came to a settlement, agreeing that there had been a misunderstanding.

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A disastrous fire which ravaged some old Chinese houses in the Central district of Hong Kong was responsible for the loss of fifteen lives, all Chinese. Some of the bodies were so charred as to be unrecognisable. The fire originated in a "joss shop," and spread with great rapidity, largely, it is thought, due to the wooden staircases in the building. The blaze is fully reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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Two Chinese passengers were killed and 29 wounded, including two European members of the ship's crew, when a steerage passenger, a Filipino, aboard the Empress of Canada, ran amok on the high seas when the vessel was nearing Yokohama. The *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL* gives all despatches regarding the outrage.

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In the sporting world, the first half of the racing season ended in inclement weather, with the unusual spectacles of a double dead heat and two disqualifications. The meeting is fully reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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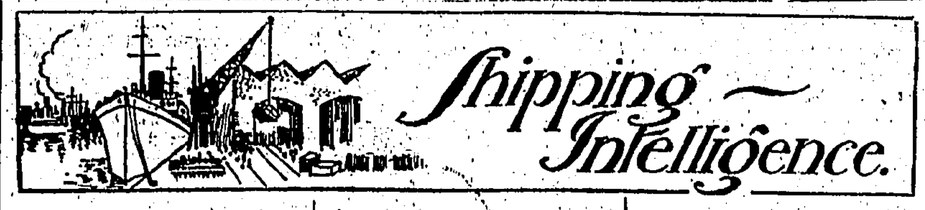

Shipping Intelligence.

SHIPS FOR RUSSIA.

MR. RUNCIMAN ON BRITISH POLICY.

The seventh dinner of the Baltic Exchange Golfing Society was held at the Hotel Metropole in mail week.

Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., proposing the health of the society, said that we had heard during the last week or two of the effort of the Russian Government to become large shipowners. He was not sure what was the exact number of the new ships they proposed to build in Britain, but we were assured they were to be paid for by advances given by the British Government. To advance money for the building of ships might be a good thing for some shipyards, but it would be an extremely bad thing for the British Mercantile Marine.

"We cannot afford," said Mr. Runciman, "to have brought into the trading world a great mass of shipping, provided, not by the capital of the ultimate shipowner but actually by our own depleted Treasury, for it would create artificial competition, and the only effect would be to hurt those very shipyards which expect to obtain some temporary benefit from the scheme.

"If the Russians want 50 ships at once, old or new, large or small, there are plenty of ships for sale. Let them buy some of those ships if they like, and when they pay for them I hope they will pay in sterling — but not our sterling."

He hoped we were not going to follow in any respect either the politics or the finance of Australia. We could not go on living on borrowed money. The attempt to live on borrowed money to support, for instance, the unemployed, only meant that we were postponing a little longer the Nemesis which was bound to overcome us.

He had doubt the arrangements we had made for supporting the unemployed—those who through no fault of their own were out of work—were good arrangements on the whole. But the 10 millions of scandals, according to the figures of the Treasury, ought not to be paid for by the public. The effect of paying a great many claims which were unjustified, and which were sometimes accelerated and augmented by arrangements made by employers, simply meant that we were adding so heavily to the burden of the genuine unemployed, and that sooner or later the Treasury was going to find itself in a state of embarrassment.

POLISH MERCHANT FLEET.

Transference from Government Control.

Another State shipping fleet is to go by the board. It is announced that the merchant fleet owned by the Polish Government is to be transferred to a private undertaking. The inference, of course, is clear that under State control the results have not been satisfactory, states the Journal of Commerce. Thus, Poland's adventure into State shipping has gone the way of Canada, Australia, the United States and several other countries. This failure to run ships by the State is illuminating, and comes as a complete justification of the British attitude in favour of private enterprise.

WATCH GERMANY.

HER NEW "LUXURY" FLEET.

There is no more stimulating country to watch just now than Germany, says a Daily Express shipping correspondent.

The secret of her extraordinary post-war recovery is not in the making of cheap clock-work toys for the world's children, but in the building of large fast liners for the world's travellers.

Passenger traffic figures show that the modern German luxury ships at sea, notably on the Atlantic, pull the international travellers like magnets, and obtain most of the business.

While the chief shipping companies of the other three leading maritime countries, Britain, U.S.A., and Japan, have passed their dividends for the first time in history, the two German concerns, Norddeutscher Lloyd and Hamburg-America Line announce dividends of eight and six per cent. respectively.

At the end of 1930 Germany had, in a surprising way, regained her place as fourth shipping nation of the world, with a fleet newer than any other.

Her defeat in the war had compelled her to hand over her old ships to her enemies — who found them mostly "white elephants," while she, combining and rationalising shipbuildng on an intensive scale, produced a brand new fleet. Since then Germany has passed Japan and is now one of the Big Three maritime powers.

Two Fastest Liners.

The average size of British ships launched in 1930 was 3,074 tons gross. In 1928 the German average size had risen to 4,647 tons gross.

This included the two fastest liners in the world, the Bremen and Europa (46,000 tons each), the liners which won the Atlantic Blue Riband back again from Britain and the ships that carried the record number of passengers over the Atlantic last year.

Germany has become the third motorship owner in the world, with 431 ships (British Empire 800 ships, U.S.A., 495): and boasts the best motor liners from Southampton to the British West Indies. There is no British line competing with her on this service.

The German companies lost no time in coming to grips with the worst depression the shipping industry has suffered, by wage cuts, reorganisation of the administrative side, and the profitable combine between the two great concerns, Hamburg-America Line and Norddeutscher Lloyd.

Hard work has infused into the shipping combines of Germany a new progressive force, and it has been done by the men at the top.

The Germans have been quick to realise that giant floating hotels are not profitable to-day, and they are concentrating on the building of smaller luxury liners.

Recovery at Hand.

The directors of the great lines assert, in their annual reports, that they look forward to the future with confidence and optimism, because the bottom of world depression is in sight and recovery is near at hand.

A glance at their efficient fleets and their satisfactory dividends makes this no mere pious hope.

If the big British companies, like the Cunard and the White Star, cannot combine as successfully as the N.D.L. and H.A.L., and if the wholesale wage cuts and reorganisation of the Germans may not be applied so decisively in Britain, at least we might profit by emulating their confidence and optimism, for British sea efficiency to-day is as sound as ever it was.

What it definitely lacks is this feeling of confidence and optimism. They are the qualities that are playing a vital part in Germany's spectacular return to sea power.

As a country still depending, first and last, on its ships for its life and its happiness, it behoves us all to watch Germany.

A SHIP ON LEGS.

"AMERICAN" DREDGER BUILT IN BRITAIN FOR FRANCE.

The strangest craft ever built on the Tyne has left the river for Havre. The vessel is a dipper dredger built by Hawthorn, Leslie and Co., Ltd., for the Havre port authorities to the designs of the Bucyrus Erie Co., of Milwaukee.

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HULL DOCK STRIKE.

Owner's Right To Employ Direct Labour.

Hull, April 28.

The strike of Hull dock workers collapsed to-day, when, with comparatively few exceptions, the men returned to work. Some delay was caused to the unloading of a number of steamships with important cargoes, but the work of discharge is now proceeding as usual.

The strike originated through the cargo of the Newcastle-on-Tyne steamship Rajahstan being discharged by direct labour, although drawn from the usual trade unions of the port, but without these men being employed by local master stevedores. It was clearly proved at a conference of the Joint Port Working Committee (comprising representatives of all parties concerned to settle dock disputes) that the shipowners and shipping interests were fully entitled to make their own arrangements for the discharge of the cargoes of their ships without contracting with local master stevedores or any combination of master stevedores, so long as they observe the port rates and conditions as agreed between the trade unions and the employers.

The result of the strike is of importance, for it has established the right of the shipping interests to use direct labour without suffering any intereference from stevedoring combinations, which hitherto have been claiming that right. It has also established the right of the men to work direct without being engaged by master stevedores.

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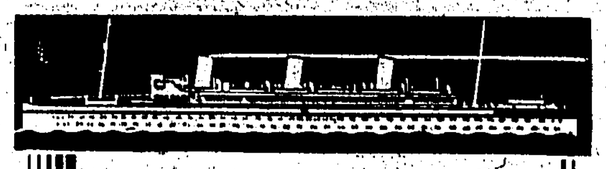
H.M. Torpedo-boat Destroyer Acherton, fitted with high-pressure turbine machinery and boilers, has just completed a series of trials on the Firth of Clyde, and has established in fuel economy a record in naval work for steam propulsion, the oil fuel consumption on the full power trial being .608lb. per shaft horse-power, for all purposes. The boiler pressure is 500lb. per square inch, with a steam temperature of 720 deg. F. This installation marks an important stage in the progress and development of steam propulsion. The contract for this vessel was placed by the British Admiralty with the Parsons Marine Steam Turbine Company, Limited, at whose works at Wallsend-on-Tyne the turbines have been constructed, the hull and boilers being built by John I. Thornycroft and Co., Limited, of Woolston, Southampton.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The B.I. s.s. Santhia left Kobe for this port on June 10, p.m., and is due here on June 15, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Honolulu on June 9 (Tues.) at 6 a.m., left Honolulu on June 9 (Tues.) at 6 p.m., and is due at Yokohama on June 18 (Thurs.) at 6 a.m. She leaves Yokohama for Kobe on June 19 (Fri.) at 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at Vancouver on June 10 (Wed.) at noon, leaves Vancouver on June 20 (Sat.), and is due at Hong Kong on July 10 (Fri.). She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on July 10 (Fri.), p.m.



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Calcutta and Straits ..... Kum Sang
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
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Saigon	Pong Tong	3.30 p.m.
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SUNDAY, JUNE 14.		
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†KARMALA	9,000	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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SIRDHANA	8,000	3rd July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYBER	9,000	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	7,000	6th July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TILAWA	10,000	17th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	8,000	31st July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,000	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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CANADA'S NEW SHIP CANAL.

Details of the Welland Waterway.

The new Welland Ship Canal, Canada's greatest artificial waterway and one of the finest engineering feats of its kind in the world, is nearing completion, and by the end of May vessels up to 450 feet, in length and drawing 18 feet of water were navigating the canal. Over £25,000,000 will have been expended on the work, says the Financial Times.

The new canal, which is actually the fourth to be constructed across the Niagara peninsula to circumvent the great cataract, was begun in 1913, but construction was interrupted by the War. The total length of the waterway is 25 miles, and the Queenston escarpment is dealt with by eight locks, of which three, Nos. 4, 5 and 6, are twin locks in one flight similar to the Gatun locks in the Panama Canal. The three twin locks in the Welland Canal have a total lift of 139½ feet as compared with 85 feet lift of the Gatun locks.

The great height of the locks Nos. 4, 5 and 6 is illustrated by the height of the concrete wall at the north end of lock No. 6, this from the coping of lock No. 5 to the bottom of lock No. 4 being 130.8 feet as compared with 158 feet which is the height of the Horseshoe Falls at Niagara.

Huge Locks.

The usable length of the locks is 820 feet, the width 80 feet, depth of water on sills 30 feet. The lift of locks is 46½ feet, width at water line 310 feet. The average depth minimum is 25 feet and the time to fill lock is eight minutes. The estimated time for a vessel to pass through the canal is eight hours but it has been done in six hours and ten minutes. The total lift is 326½ feet and 21 railway and highway bridges cross the canal.

Two interesting features of the new canal are its terminals and how they were formed. Port Weller, the Lake Ontario end of the canal, is an artificial harbour, formed by construction of two embankments extending into Lake Ontario for a distance of nearly one and a-half miles. The entrance is 400 feet wide and widens out to a bottom width of 800 feet at the harbour, which covers an area of 150 acres. Port Colborne harbour, at the Lake Erie end of the canal, extends from the entrance between the breakwater to lock No. 8 and the supply weir at Humberstone.

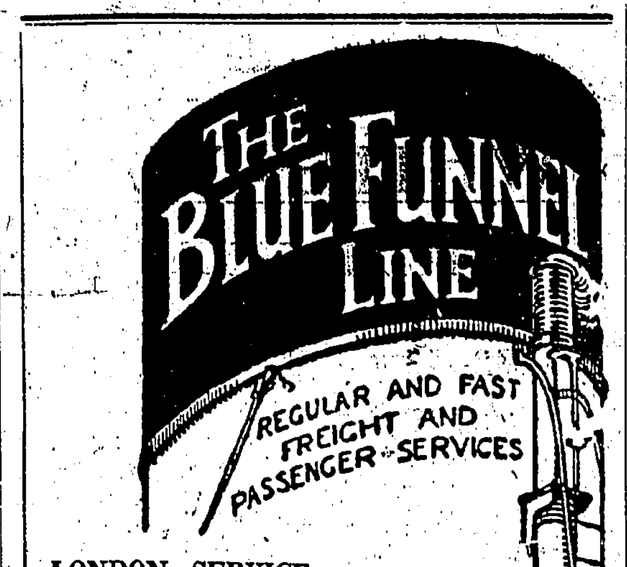
The outer harbour is formed by two breakwaters placed about 4,000 feet from shore, and a new breakwater out into the lake for a distance of 2,000 feet has been built to protect the harbour entrance against south-westerly gales.

Pontoon Gate Lifter.

Lock No. 8, at Port Colborne, which is 1,380 feet long between the inner gates, is the longest lock in the world, being 68 feet longer than the new lock on the North Sea Canal, Holland, and 30 feet longer than the two locks on the American side of Sault Ste. Marie. Another interesting feature is the pontoon gate lifter, to handle the gates should any be damaged or required to be taken out for any purpose and to be replaced.

The maximum size of vessels using the old canal, now being displaced by the new Welland Ship Canal, was 261 feet long, 44 feet beam and 14 feet draft. The locks of the new canal are large enough to accommodate any vessel afloat, excepting the largest passenger liners and warships. It is shown that 65 per cent. of the vessels which passed through the Panama Canal in 1930 had a draft of less than 25 feet and 95 per cent. a draft of under 30 feet.

The total capital cost of Canadian canals since their construction is set about £48,000,000, including the cost of the new Welland Ship Canal. All canals in Canada have since 1904 been free of tolls to vessels applying for the privilege of locking facilities.



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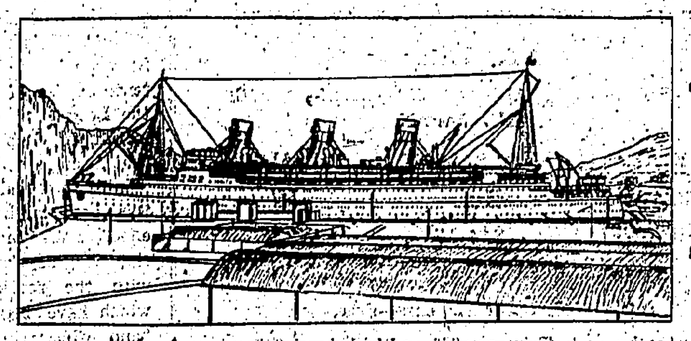

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What China Might Do.

In yesterday's leading article we referred to the friendly overtures which Mr. Eugene Chen, the Foreign Minister to the Government of Canton, and his colleagues had made in the Chinese Press to foreigners having dealings with his country, drawing special attention to the problems of the so-called "unequal treaties" and extraterritorial rights. These, it will be recalled, Mr. Chen had hinted in a leading article in the Canton Daily Sun might be rectified or at least solved in a manner satisfactory to both sides. In this connection it is interesting to read in to-day's cables of the resignation of Dr. C. C. Wu, Chinese Minister to the United States, who, as delegate to the tenth session of the Assembly of the League of Nations in 1929, moved, in a plenary meeting, that a committee should be appointed to consider and report on the best methods of making effective the nineteenth article of the League Covenant, dealing with the revision of treaties which have become inapplicable "and whose continuance might endanger the peace of the world." Dr. Wu's intention in proposing his own resolution has been achieved in large measure; for the able speech in which he had commended it had drawn attention to China's particular claim for treaty revision, and in September, 1929, a commercial treaty on the basis of complete equality and reciprocity was signed at Nanking between China and Poland—the largest of the "successor States" which had emerged in the European peace settlement; whilst in November extraterritorial privileges in China were voluntarily surrendered by Mexico. These two small successes, no doubt, encouraged Dr. Wang to persevere in his main task, and at the end of November, 1929, the Chinese Government announced its intention of abolishing extraterritoriality by unilateral mandate as from January 1, 1930. After prolonged negotiations, it will be remembered, Mr. Henderson informed the Chinese Minister, Dr. Alfred Sze, that the British Government was willing to agree that January 1, 1930, should be treated as the date from which "the process of the gradual abolition of extraterritoriality should be regarded as having commenced in principle." The negotiations between Sir Miles Lampson and Dr. Wang began in Nanking on January 9, 1930, and are still in progress.

Having regard to the trenchant criticisms levied by Mr. Chen against the alleged breaches of faith of Chiang Kai-shek in regard to these negotiations, which, he says, have reached a "deadlock," there is every reason to believe that Mr. Chen wishes to impress foreigners that one of his main tasks as Foreign Minister is to arrive at a juster and more equitable agreement with the foreign Powers in regard to the revision of treaties, the abolition of Consular Courts, and the substitution of something solid and more satisfactory for the present unappreciated system of extraterritoriality. It is fairly safe to assume, also, that Dr. C. C. Wu will shortly place his statesmanship at the disposal of Canton and assist Mr. Chen in drawing up proposals which are more likely to appeal to the British and other foreign Governments than the abortive efforts of Dr. Wang.

In considering the liquidation of foreign extraterritorial privileges in China, Mr. Chen would be wise to consider the method and effect of similar transactions on the Indo-Chinese border. Siam, for example, like most other civilised countries of the Far East, had been in contact with the civilised peoples of the West since the early sixteenth century, and, in the course of the first four centuries of this contact, relations had taken similar forms in certain respects — in respect, for example, of the concession to Western residents of extrality privileges. Both in this matter, however, and in others, Siam's experiences in her dealings with the West had been less unfortunate than those of her great neighbour, China, and had rather resembled those of Japan. In particular, the manner in which Siam gradually freed herself from the legal servitudes of extrality, during the first quarter of the twentieth century, by reforming her judicial system to the satisfaction of Western Governments and so inducing them, step by step, to renounce voluntarily the privileges which they had acquired, bore a very close resemblance indeed to the manner in which Japan achieved the same result a few years earlier. The success of Japan and Siam in carrying through this policy — a success which stood out in contrast to China's relative failure to hold her own in her relations with the Westerners — was due, first and foremost, to intellectual and moral qualities. That Siam should have recovered her freedom, by friendly agreement with the Treaty Powers, and as the reward of the constructive reforms which she had been carrying out patiently but persistently over a period of more than a quarter of a century, was an international event of more than local significance. The fact that Siam, in working for the attainment of equality of status with the Powers of the West, had followed the lead of Japan rather than that of China (as guided by the Kuomintang and their Russian Communist advisers) was a matter for congratulation, not only to Siam herself, but to mankind, whose hopes of peace at this time partly hung upon the question whether the inevitable readjustment of the relations between the West and the other civilised societies of the world was to be made by the rational method of co-operation or by the blind and devastating processes of strife and violence. Mr. Chen, please copy!

News in Brief.

The Empress of Canada sails at 5 p.m. to-day for Manila.

One Chinese case of typhoid fever was notified yesterday.

To-day is the anniversary of the opening of the first railway in Japan in 1872.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 79 degrees. The humidity was 80 at 10 a.m. and 74 at 4 p.m.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Leonard Geoffrey Morgan, of 1, Bowen Road, to Mary Adelaide Karslake, 3, Bowen Road.

Accidentally coming into contact with a live wire whilst working at the Shek Lai Pui new reservoir yesterday, a coolie, Chan Yum (32), of 1004, Canton Road, received severe burns and was taken to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

The master of the Fok Wo Sugar Dealers' shop, 220, Des Voeux Road West, has notified the Police that at 7.30 o'clock last night he entrusted a foki with $129 to be paid to the Yuet On Sugar Dealers' shop, also in Des Voeux Road West. The foki is alleged to have absconded.

A Shantung policeman has reported that a private car, driven by a European, collided with the public gas lamp, damaging the shade, outside the Kowloon Star Ferry last night. It is alleged that the European refused to show his licence or give his name to the constable.

Four Chinese men were charged before Mr. E. H. Williams, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with conducting themselves in a riotous and disorderly manner, one of them, Lui Kwong-pong, being also accused of using a chopper and inflicting grievous bodily harm on one of the others. The hearing was adjourned.

Strength.

The following has been taken on Corps Strength:—

No. 1700 Pte. H. W. Bonner, No. 7 Platoon, from 11.6.31.

Commandant's Conference.

Unit Commanders will attend a Conference at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th instant, at which the Defence Scheme and the Training Programme for 1931-32 will be discussed.

(Sgd) W. H. G. GOATER, Captain,
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VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

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Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are as under:—

PARADES.

Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, June 19 for Signalling Instruction.

Armoured Car Company.

Motor Cycle Section.—Parade at Headquarters on Monday, June 15 at 5.15 p.m. for Revolver shooting practice at Kennedy Road Range.

Belts will be worn.

Machine Gun Company.

Parade on Tuesday, June 16 at 5.30 p.m. in mufti.

N.C.O.'s under C. S. M. Slattery.

Recruits under Sergeant C. E. M. Terry.

Signallers as detailed by Platoon Commanders.

No. 2 Platoon.—All members are reminded of the Platoon meeting in the Lecture Room on Tuesday, June 16 at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters, at which it is hoped that all will be present.

1931-32 Training Season.—Platoon Commanders are asked to submit their programmes to the O.C. Company on or before Tuesday, June 30.

The Officers commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their commands:—

1.—Corps Band.
2.—The Battery.
3.—Engineer Company.
4.—Machine Gun Troop.
5.—Armoured Car Company, Car Section.
6.—Scottish Company.
7.—Portuguese Company.

Area Orders.

No. 218 dated June 9, 1931, para. 1.—H.M. The King's Birthday Parade.

The following letters, which have been exchanged between His Excellency The Governor and His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, are published for information:

From H.E. The Governor. To H.E. The General Officer Commanding:—

"I have the honour to offer my sincere congratulations on the excellence of the Parade held in honour of His Majesty the King's Birthday on June 3, and on the smartness of the turnout of all the Regular Military and Volunteer ranks under your Excellency's command on that occasion.

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency will convey my appreciation to all those who took part."

From H.E. The General Officer Commanding. To H.E. The Governor:—

"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of June 5 which is not only a source of gratification to me as a Commander, but will be much appreciated by the officers and men of the Regular and Volunteer units in the Hong Kong garrison, who took part in the King's Birthday Parade on June 3."

Amendment.

Corps Orders No. 24/31 dated 5.6.31 para. 5.—Sergt. W. H. C. Robson, Armoured Car Company, Car Section, retains the rank as Sergeant on transfer to Reserve Company.

Promotions and Appointments.

No. 1403 Cpl. J. Barnes, Corps Signals, promoted Sergeant and appointed acting C.Q.M.S. with effect from 12.6.31.

No. 1264 Sigm. A. P. Tarbuck, Corps Signals, appointed Lance Corporal with effect from 12.6.31.

No. 1656 Sigm. R. E. Stott, Corps Signals, appointed Lance Corporal with effect from 12.6.31.

No. 1300 L/Cpl. R. J. D. C. Grieve, Machine Gun Troop, promoted Acting Sergeant with effect from 12.6.31.

No. 1511 Tpr. G. P. Ferguson, Machine Gun Troop, promoted Acting Corporal with effect from 12.6.31.

No. 1315 Tpr. L. Weill, Machine Gun Troop, appointed Acting Lance Corporal with effect from 12.6.31.

No. 1446 Tpr. A. J. R. Wolff, Machine Gun Troop, appointed Acting Lance Corporal with effect from 12.6.31.

Transfer.

No. 1490 Pte. J. Gilchrist, No. 6 Platoon, is transferred to Engineer Company as from 12.6.31.

No. 1500 Sergt. L. G. Frost, Machine Gun Troop, is transferred to Reserve Company as from 12.6.31.

Struck off the Strength.

Having completed 3 years' service:—No. 670 W. Logan, Reserve Company, as from 12.6.31.

Permitted to resign:—No. 867 Pte. Ho Ki, Reserve Company, as from 12.6.31.

Having left the Colony:—No. 1551 Tpr. R. J. L. White, Machine Gun Troop, as from 12.6.31; and No. 1247 Pte. W. N. Matchim, Reserve Company, as from 12.6.31.

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"TOM SAWYER."

Those children and adults who did not see "Tom Sawyer," which features Jackie Coogan, Mitzi Green, and Junior Durkin, when it was shown at the King's Theatre, should not miss the opportunity of seeing the picture at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, where it is being screened to-day and to-morrow at the usual times.

"WILD COMPANY."

The pitfalls and traps that await the younger generation who have over indulgent parents are dramatically brought out in "Wild Company," now being shown at the Star Theatre. It is a picture of intense human interest, and portrays the story of the son of a big store magnate who gets mixed up with the wrong crowd, with the result that after a hectic night at a shady "speakeasy" he finds himself, with others, facing a charge of murdering Joe Brown, the proprietor of the club. The part of the magnate's son is played by Frank Albertson, who made such a hit in "Just Image," while H. B. Warner takes the part of the boy's father.

Sharon Lynn is seen at her best as the mistress of a notorious gangster, who tries to inveigle the magnate's son into his power in order to cover himself in case of trouble.

The supporting comedy, entitled "They're coming to get me," cannot be called good and fails to raise a laugh from start to finish.

"INSPIRATION."

One of the few stars who doesn't have to defend herself is Greta Garbo. Whenever a slighting article is published in a "fan" magazine a deluge of mail swamps the editors by way of protest. Garbo herself ignores criticism and pays little heed to her own fan mail. Her new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring vehicle, "Inspiration," will open on *Wednesday at the Queen's Theatre.* Clarence Brown directed the new film with Robert Montgomery in the romantic lead. Lewis Stone heads the supporting cast, which includes Marjorie Rambeau, Judith Vosselli, Beryl Mercer, John Miljan and Joan Marsh.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7⅝.

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In reply to an enquiry by a *China Mail* reporter to-day, Mr. Winslow, the general manager of the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, said that the closing of the Hunghom Station was due to the fact that the building was hopelessly out of repair. It was only a temporary structure and the question of abolishing the station altogether was being considered.

DRIVERS' BOYCOTT OF LADY.

What Is "Reasonable Excuse."

A NOMINAL FINE.

"A reasonable excuse, as I define it, is when the fare and the driver cannot agree" ruled Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Magistracy this morning, when the case in which Mrs. G. L. Matheson, of "Huntington," Stubbs Road, is complainant against Lei Pui, driver of a public vehicle who is accused of having refused to take Mrs. Matheson's fare without any reasonable excuse, was concluded. The Magistrate pointed out that the defendant's failure to report to the Police about the alleged underpayment was a point which went against him. On the other hand, his Worship was certain that drivers had grounds to complain against Mrs. Matheson. He would impose a fine of $5.

LONDON'S MAD HATTER.

"Mad as a hatter," they say. Well, can you wonder at it? Look at London's funny hats. Who but a Mad Hatter would have given the Guards those enormous bearskins, that almost obliterate the head, and then doomed the messenger-boy to wear a silly little pill-box that makes him look almost bare-headed?

There is neither rhyme nor reason in some of London's hats. Go down to Billingsgate and look at the fish-porters' hats. These men have to carry loads on their heads; and so the Mad Hatter has given them hats which weigh eight pounds! Every one of these hats contains five pounds of leather and some four hundred solid copper rivets.

But the Mad Hatter can be picturesque when he likes. One is glad that he has preserved some of the quaint hats of the Middle Ages. He has given the Beefeaters at the Tower quite a pretty Tudor bonnet; and the Lord Mayor's coachman looks very fetching in that three-cornered hat of his.

At the Bank of England, too, where you would not expect to see anything in the fancy-hat line, you may sometimes catch a glimpse of a gorgeous scarlet Beale, with a goldbraided cocked hat. But you will see that only when chance gives you a peep into the inner courts of the Bank.

But where did the Mad Hatter get his inspiration when he designed those towering white linen hats that chefs wear? Did he go to the Eastern church, whose patriarchs wear mitres remarkably similar to them? He has been known to go to sources more remote in point of time.

Look at the London fireman's helmet, for example. It is modelled almost exactly on the lines of a Roman soldier's helmet. And the City policeman, whose arm holds up the traffic, is hatted much like the Roman Horatio who held the bridge.

London's hats ecclesiastic are sober by comparison with the Mad Hatter's whimsies. You may pass a bishop in the Strand and not notice the curious way in which the brim of his top-hat is corded to the sides. And you never see the flat "clerical" hat in the City, notwithstanding its 52 churches. But you may catch a glimpse of the Roman biretta sometimes, if your way takes you past any of the "High" churches.

Let us be thankful that the Mad Hatter has not exercised his freakish invention on our hats, meaning yours and mine. John Citizen's two sorts of hat are always the same—so much the same that I lost a perfectly new soft felt in a restaurant the other day.—G. H. in Evening News.

MAN IS DOOMED.

Natural Extinction From Within Predicted.

Mankind is gradually becoming weaker and is doomed to complete extinction, says Dr. Otto Grosser, professor at the German University of Prague.

He bases his prediction on a long study of embryonics. Specialised types, he says, have always been more susceptible to the forces of nature.

He believes that men will die out from "influence within the race itself," rather than from the physical forces of the earth.

DEVIL'S DYKE HOTEL.

Proposals for the erection of an hotel at Devil's Dyke, Brighton, at a cost of £10,000 is to come before Brighton Council.

It is planned to make the hotel as much like a country house as is possible, with terrace, tea gardens, rockeries, flower gardens and an open air cafe.

LONDON'S LATEST FIRE ALARMS.

Reducing False Calls to a Minimum.

NO SCARLET PAINT.

London's circular shaped fire alarm boxes are to go, and probably their attendant lamp-posts will lose their coat of scarlet paint.

The present alarm boxes—or, rather, the open circuit system on which they are worked—are responsible for half of London's 2,500 false alarms a year. It merely requires a vehicle or lightning to strike a street fire alarm, a short circuit, or Post Office electricians to mistake a wire and cut it for the brigade to be needlessly turned out. Each turn out costs about £12.

The system chosen to replace the one now in use is known as the closed circuit, and it works almost uncannily. Not only does it watch itself and report any attempt to injure it, but it reports only two kinds of alarm—the genuine and the maliciously false. It cannot confuse a call, and it will not allow a call to be mistaken. Everything it reports is definite and positive. It has never been known to fail.

The first of these new fire alarm boxes is to be erected near the headquarters station in Southwick Bridge Road. The box is somewhat like the front of a miniature cottage. The supporting pillar will be carried above the box, and be surmounted by a fire brigade red crystal glass globe, which will be illuminated during the night.

Code Number System.

Calls transmitted from any of the 26 new boxes in the headquarters area will be simultaneously repeated and recorded in the Whitefriars, or linked, fire station, which, according to routine, dispatches a motor pump and crew to all calls in the headquarters area.

The principle on which the new system works is that a number of boxes, up to 30, form a circuit, through which a gentle current of electricity is always flowing. Each box has its code number, which may be any number that does not contain a cypher.

Suppose Box 24 is pulled. A toothed wheel inside the box breaks the circuit in the following manner: 11, 1111. These breaks are instantly recorded at the receiving station, where they appear in a large frame box as 24, are beaten on a large alarm gong, and punched on a tape.

The call is repeated four times to eliminate the slightest possible chance of error, and, by means of a repeating instrument, it can be simultaneously recorded in every fire station in the brigade. The recording tape is at the same time stamped with the exact time at which the box was pulled. The clock which does this is of such ingenious construction that when Leap Year comes round February 29 is automatically inserted.

Nothing is left to chance. The odds that two boxes can be pulled simultaneously and cause a confusion of codes is about one in a million. Nevertheless the system protests itself against such a contingency. It selects one of the calls, transmits it, and then sends the next, and it also reports at once the slightest damage that may have been done to itself.

If a fire alarm box is knocked over by a lorry, there comes immediately one blow on the gong in the fire station. The fireman on duty "patches" the line by inserting a plug in the switchboard, and the box is in a position to transmit calls. It will continue to do this until the electricians can reach it and repair the fault.

The system was invented in Germany in 1849. It recorded calls on a tape by means of the Morse code. The Americans substituted numbers for the Morse code letters, introduced the gong and visual annunciator, and made the system what it is to-day.

IRON DUKE.

To Be Used As A Training Ship.

The battleship Iron Duke, which was the flagship of Earl Jellicoe in the Grand Fleet during the War, will not be scrapped under the London Naval Treaty, but is to be "de-militarised" and used as a training ship, reports the Journal of Commerce. She is the last of her class, her three sister ships, Benbow, Marlborough and Emperor of India, having been withdrawn from the Third Battle Squadron to be broken up. The Iron Duke will be reduced to a non-fighting unit, and will be converted into a boys' training ship at Devonport.

LIFE OF A MOTOR SHIP.

Is It Longer Than a Steamer?

The cost of motor ships is generally considered to be higher than that of steamers. It is, however, inexact to generalise, and it has already been established that high-class fast cargo liner tonnage can be built at prices which are approximately equal, whether Diesel motors or geared turbines be installed, if all conditions be made similar. With a fall in speed and reduction in power the balance generally favours the steamer especially if reciprocating engines be used.

The assumption in such comparisons is that the two classes of ship — steam and motor— have useful lives of equal length, states the Motor Ship.

Actually, the oil-engined vessel equipped with motors of a good type can reckon on so many more years of useful economic activity that this factor greatly outweighs any extra capital cost that may be involved.

This is a point which has not previously been brought forward, because time has been too short for suitable evidence to be acquired. Motor vessels have, however, now been in service sufficiently long for a reasoned opinion to be given which confirms the statement we have made. Last month a prominent British shipowner, with experience of a very large number of steamer and motor ships remarked that the life of a motor ship — again with the condition that the engines are of a well-built, well-designed type — was to be reckoned as 10 years greater than that of a steamer.

The machinery of the Selandia, which has been in regular trade for almost 20 years, is now running with equal economy and reliability to that shown in its first year of service and could certainly be relied upon for satisfactory and efficient operation for at least another 10 years if the hull would stand it.

At Belfast during the course of last month we inspected three single-screw British-built motor ships equippped with the first Harland-B. and W. engines yet constructed, and which were placed in operation 17 years ago; whilst no work of any importance was needed on the propelling engines, new boilers are being installed to supply steam for the auxiliaries, which is an indication that the owners anticipate many years' useful activity.

Other similar evidence is accumulating that motor ships long outlast steamers, and, what is equally important, their economy remains unimpaired and the repair bill does not rise, for increasing age calls for no large replacements as in a steamer. If at a moderate estimate the economic life of an oil-engined vessel be set at 25 per cent. greater than that of a steamer built to an equally high-class specification, it is evident that the question of the real capital cost of a ship resolves itself in favour of the motor vessel, no matter of what class. And this is a matter upon which too much emphasis cannot be laid in the near future when the problem of the construction of tonnage of the most economic type will have to be considered on all sides.

SOME ODDITIES OF THE CENSUS.

Fierce Opposition When First Proposed.

FIRST BILL IN BRITAIN.

From the Sunday Observer:

The census met with fierce opposition when it was first proposed in Britain. When, in 1753, a Bill for the purpose was introduced into the House of Commons Mr. Thornton, the member for York, said:—

"I did not believe that there was a man, or indeed, any individual of the human species, so presumptuous and so abandoned as to make such a proposal. I hold this project to be the total subversing of the last remains of British liberty. The new Bill will direct the imposition of new taxes, and, indeed, the addition of a few words will make it the most effectual engine of rapacity and repression that was ever used against an injured people. Moreover, the annual register of our people will acquaint our enemy abroad of our weakness."

Mr. Matthew Ridley also opposed, stating that "his constituents looked upon the proposal as ominous, and feared lest some public misfortune or an epidemical distemper should follow the numbering."

The Duke's Entry.

At every census a considerable number of people are found to be in ignorance of their birthplace. Even the great Duke of Wellington was uncertain on that point, for in his census paper of 1851, filled in by his own hand—it was exhibited at the Royal Military Exhibition at Chelsea in 1890—he answers the question "Where Born?" with the words: "Ireland —believe in Athy." His biographers shares his doubt, but they all agree in locating his birth somewhere in Dublin.

A Bristol Coincidence.

In a district of Bristol, comprising three parishes, the census of 1861 revealed the population to be precisely the same as in 1851, namely, 14,379. The sexes, however, changed precedency, there being in the latter year 131 more males and 131 fewer females than in 1851.

A One-Man Parish.

The parish of Aldrington near Brighton, is the only parish that has ever figured in the census with a single unit of population. That was in 1841. Owing to the encroachment of the sea, this village, together with its ancient church, was destroyed, and consequently, the parish contained neither houses nor population at the four previous census. When the road from Brighton to Shoreham was made a turn-pike, the trustees erected a toll-bar in the parish, and the toll-house, of course, had an occupant. Thus the parish became again inhabited, and the census of 1841 gave the population as one. By 1851 the population had risen to nine—eight males and one female. In 1901, it was 6,840.

Cobbett's Prophecy.

Some ancient prophecies read curiously to-day. Cobbett thought he had reduced an argument to absurdity when he pointed out that on the basis of it the population of England and Wales would reach a total of 29,000,000 by the end of the nineteenth century. The actual figure was over 30,800,000.

The Polite Registrar.

Originally the census paper did not touch on the delicate question of age. Even when it was broached in 1821 the Registrar-General acted with extreme caution. "If the ages of the several individuals can be obtained," he wrote to the enumerators, "in a manner satisfactory to yourself and without any inconvenience to the parties, please get them."

De Quincey and His Daughters.

A celebrated man who found the filling up of his census paper difficult was De Quincey. He entered himself as "writer to the magazines;" but was quite at a loss to describe the occupations of his three daughters. Finally, he thought of a suitable periphrasis, bracketed the three names, and wrote slowly opposite to the bracket: "These are like the lilies of the field; they toil not, neither do they spin."

A Problem in Feminine Age.

The only point upon which any "feeling" now seems to remain anywhere is that of age. The most glaring example is found in the fact that the number of women returned as aged 20—25 at every census exceeds the number of girls returned at 10—15 at the previous census.

Dickens and Carlyle.

There are some interesting records, most of them relating to the censuses of 1841 and 1851, in the temporary exhibition which has been opened in the museum of the Record Office, Chancery Lane, of specimen census returns of past generations. Charles Dickens, for instance, gives his age as 29 and his profession as "gentleman." Catharine, his wife, is registered as 26 years old, and the household consisted of the four children, four female servants, and one manservant. Thomas Carlyle entered himself in the census of 1841 as "author"; but in 1851 he put himself down as "man of letters."

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social.

To-morrow—Hotel Cecil—Prof. A. Barna, cymbalist, at dinner dance.

Entertainments.

To-day — King's Theatre; "Laughter."

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "The Lottery Bride."

To-day — Central Theatre; "A Man From Wyoming."

To-day — Majestic Theatre; "Tom Sawyer."

To-day — World Theatre; "The Cock-eyed World."

To-day — Star Theatre "Wild Company."

Meetings.

Monday—Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel.

Wednesday — Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Building.

Wednesday—Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardines, noon.

Home Mails.

To-day — Inward from Europe via Siberia (Shinyo Maru and Katori Maru); from Europe via Negapatam (Hakone Maru).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Katori Maru), 9.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (President Jefferson), 5 p.m.

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Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE PROSPECTS.

Will Kowloon Dock R.C. Beat Craigengower?

TAIKOO'S STIFF HURDLE.

[By "Short Head."]

Provided that the weather is kind a full programme of League matches will be played to-morrow afternoon, when some interesting events should be watched with the keenest interest.

The list of fixtures is as under:

Division I.

C.C.C. (61)	v. K. Dock (57)
K.B.G.C. (68)	v. K.C.C. (48)
de Recreio (72)	v. Police (58)
Taikoo (50)	v. C.S.C.C. (51)

Division II.

Yacht C. (72)	v. Taikoo (37)
K.C.C. (59)	v. C.C.C. (57)
C.S.C.C. (69)	v. de Recreio (52)
Electric (46)	v. K.B.G.C. (84)

Figures in parentheses denote last season's results.

Probably the chief match will be that between the Craigengower Cricket Club and the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club at the Valley. This may seem queer to some, looking to the respective positions of the two contestants on the League table. Still, last year the Dock went down on the same green by only four shots and the year before by only nine shots (73—64). They bagged their first brace of points at the Valley last week and a whisper reaches me that they are confident of repeating the trick against the Craigengower to-morrow.

The home team will be stronger than they would have been had weather permitted last Saturday and the feat that they have not yet lost this season is most likely to prove the strongest incentive to score again to-morrow. I rashly predict that whoever wins will have no more than ten points margin in hand at the finish.

K.B.G.C. v. K.C.C.

As in the case of the Craigengower the K.C.C. have yet to lose their first match this season, but to-morrow they are scarcely on "foreign" soil for most of their members know the K.B.G.C. green as well as their own. It is true that last season they lost by 68—48 and the previous year by 60—43, but the constitution of the respective teams this year has undergone a big change. At the beginning of this season a friendly encounter resulted in favour of the K.C.C., so that is something which the home team will be out to-morrow to avenge. Another close game is expected here.

Club de Recreio v. Police.

Bad luck still dogs the footsteps of the Police, who visit the Club de Recreio to-morrow. A year ago the home Club won by 72—58 and the year before by 66—49. There is little hope of the Police surviving to-morrow unless the glorious uncertainties of lawn bowls come into the picture. A win for the Police would indeed be pleasing for all lawn bowlers, including their sporting hosts of to-morrow, but all that can be looked forward to is a pleasant afternoon's sport.

Taikoo v. Civil Service.

This should prove yet another interesting and keen game, with a small margin for either side at the finish. A year ago Civil Service won on the post (51—50), whilst the season before they also won by 54—44. With these two home reverses to wipe out the Taikoo lads are likely to be on their best form to-morrow. Both Clubs have lost a couple of games this season and there is only a matter of six shots in favour of the Civil Service in the "Shots For and Against" table. I prefer not to prophesy the winners.

DIVISION II.

Yacht Club v. Taikoo.

To date the Yacht Club have three points and the Taikoo Club four points out of a possible eight, but on their own ground the Yachtsmen should repeat their victory of last season when they won by 72—37, although by a narrower margin. The year before last the Taikoo Club won by 62—44, but I think that feat is beyond them to-morrow.

K.C.C. v. C.C.C.

Last season the K.C.C. just scraped home by 59—57, whilst two years ago they lost by 84—51. So far the K.C.C. have six points this season against only two for their visitors of to-morrow. If the latter can reproduce the same form as they did against the Yacht Club the result should be a very close one. Still a win for the K.C.C. must be predicted.

C.S.C.C. v. Club de Recreio.

The Civil Service won this game a year ago by 69—52—the identical margin (if my memory is correct) by which they secured both points a couple of seasons ago. They have already lost two matches this season and cannot afford to lose to-morrow if they wish to retain any interest in the competition. The Recreio have lost only one match, so that they should be capable of giving their hosts a thoroughly good game.

Electric v. K.B.G.C.

The home Club went down badly last season to the tune of 84—46, but the year before the margin against them was only 58—52. They have still to win a match this season, whilst their opponents to-morrow are at the head of the table with seven points out of a possible eight. Form points to a good win for the Kowloon team, but—it is up to the Electric Club to "fuse" their efforts.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

H. Hampton v. J. Ferguson.

H. Hampton (K.C.C.) defeated J. Ferguson (Taikoo) in the Open Singles Championship yesterday, on the Craigengower C.C. green by 21—20.

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

Division I.

Club de Recreio:—Dr. R. A. C. Basto, H. A. Basto, C. A. Lopes, and C. G. Silva (Skip).

E. L. Barros, H. A. Alves, C. E. Marques, and L. A. Gutierrez (Skip).

A. S. Gomes, R. R. Robarts, L. C. R. Souza, and R. F. Luz (Skip).

Kowloon Bowling G.C.—J. Rodger, G. H. Sherriff, H. Nish, and W. Russell (Skip).

R. S. Nichol, T. S. W. West, G. E. Roylance, and D. F. Warren (Skip).

S. Eccleshall, R. Hall, E. W. L. Hogbin, and L. Guy (Skip).

Civil Service C.C.:—F. Jones, W. Westlake, J. Deakin, and J. Hollidge (Skip).

Jas. T. Dobbie, E. L. Holland, L. E. Longbottom, and A. O. Brawn (Skip).

S. Randle, S. E. Alderman, A. H. Oswick, and J. Gregory (Skip).

Police R.C.:—Booker, McHardy, Dall, and Oram (Skip).

Hunter, Gooding, Johnson, and Mair (Skip).

Reynolds, Shepherd, Brittain, and West (Skip).

Division II.

Kowloon Bowling G.C.:—H. F. Stoneham, J. S. Logan, W. E. Hale, and A. W. E. Davidson (Skip).

G. E. F. Thompson, C. S. Best, H. H. Rose, and W. S. Drake (Skip).

F. V. Whitta, J. C. Meyer, F. L. Rapley, and V. Petherick (Skip).

Civil Service C.C.:—P. Knight, R. R. Wood, R. R. Davies, and W. E. Hollands (Skip).

H. Lockhart, G. Reid, H. Strange, and F. Haynes (Skip).

A. Tarbuck, J. Willmott, L. Luck, and W. Bickford (Skip).

Club de Recreio:—F. Prata, A. E. S. Alves, A. V. Barros, and J. G. Ozorio (Skip).

F. Xavier, J. M. M. Alves, J. J. Basto, and F. V. Ribeiro (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, J. M. S. Rozario, E. M. Remedios, and F. X. M. Silva (Skip).

Electric R.C.:—J. R. Way, G. Thomson, G. T. Padgett, and A. Webster (Skip).

J. Sloan, F. Normington, A. F. Paul, and W. H. B. Muskett (Skip).

R. C. Butler, C. E. Gahagan, D. S. Hill, and J. F. Lunny (Skip).

SKIPS' RECORDS.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.
W. Russell, K.B.G.C.	4	4	0	0
A. E. Silkstone, K.C.C.	4	3	1	0
U. M. Omar, C.C.C.	4	3	0	1
F. Cullen, K.D.	4	3	0	1
J. Gibson, K.C.C.	3	2	0	1
E. el Arculli, C.C.C.	1	1	0	0
A. H. Lay, K.C.C.	1	1	0	0
R. Luz, C. de R.	4	3	0	1
J. G. West, P.R.C.	5	2	1	2
C. S. Rosselet, C.C.C.	2	2	0	0
D. Rumjahn, C.C.C.	2	2	0	0
R. Basa, C.C.C.	3	2	0	1
J. Gregory, C.S.C.C.	4	2	0	2
J. C. Brown, K.D.	4	2	0	2
J. Ferguson, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
N. Drummond, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
R. Wallace, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
W. Mair, P.R.C.	3	2	0	1
J. Fraser, K.C.C.	3	2	0	1
C. E. Marques, C. de R.	3	1	0	2
J. Hollidge, C.S.C.C.	3	1	0	2
D. Warren, K.B.G.C.	3	1	0	2
A. O. Brawn, C.S.C.C.	4	1	0	3
L. Guy, K.B.G.C.	4	1	0	3
C. Silva, C. de R.	4	1	0	3
R. Lapsley, K.D.	5	1	0	4
A. Holland, C.S.C.C.	1	0	1	0
L. A. Gutierres, C. de R.	1	0	1	0
A. J. Johnson, P.R.C.	3	0	1	2
J. Puncheon, K.D.	1	0	1	1
R. Hall, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1
J. C. Lyal, K.C.C.	1	0	0	1
J. Oram, P.R.C.	2	0	0	2
F. Booker, P.R.C.	2	0	0	2

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PONY ROUP.

GOOD PRICES AT JOCKEY CLUB AUCTION.

CELERITY CHANGES HANDS.

Some very good prices were realised at the pony roup at the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay, last night. For the most part the ponies sold were not performers of outstanding merit, although Monk, who has been in the money several times, went to Mr. Biddulph for $200. Celerity changed hands for the top price of the night, being purchased by Mr. Benjamin for $510.

Azalea Leaf went to Mr. Y. M. Loo for $430, and Mr. Richardson gave $350 for a nice-looking animal in Winchester.

Mr. H. J. Law got Duke of Chantilly for $150, and Siamese Shop, who has been out several times without success, was bought by Wo Kee for $95.

Well-known ponies in Chara, Thunderclap, Chesapeake Bay, and Mascot, amongst others, were put up, but did not change hands.

The complete list was as follows:—

Ponies	Purchasers	Prices
The Blackcock	(Mr. Frost)	$110
The Snipe	(Wo Kee)	60
King's Counsel	(Mr. Y. M. Loo)	110
Heliotrope Leaf	(Dr. Reidy)	260
Azalea Leaf	(Mr. Y. M. Loo)	430
The Sun	(Mr. A. J. P. Heard)	70
Celerity	(Mr. Benjamin)	510
Sultry Eve	(Mr. Choa Wing-hay)	150
Peter Pan	(Wo Kee)	70
Falling Star	(Capt. Blockden)	150
Chestnut Pony	(Mack Chei)	55
Monk	(Mr. R. B. Biddulph)	200
The Card	(Capt. Vaiyey)	360
Duke of Chantilly	(Mr. H. J. Law)	150
Anabasis	(Wo Kee)	45
Maybe	(Mr. M. A. Koglan)	155
Wings	(Mr. A. Dunlop)	90
Sunloch	(Mr. Wong Ping-shun)	160
Siamese Shop	(Wo Kee)	95
Winchester	(Mr. J. Richardson)	350

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanling on Sunday:—

9.24	a.m.	T. R. Chassels, R. C. Law.
9.28	„	A. Leach, W. C. Shields.
9.32	„	O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.
9.36	„	C. Mycock, E. D. Matthews.
9.40	„	E. G. Price, L. Smith.
9.44	„	J. Fleming, S. S. Strahan.
9.48	„	D. Brodie, F. C. Young.
9.52	„	S. R. Waller, A. G. Coppin.
9.56	„	C. B. Terdre, C. J. D. Law.

SPALDING SUCCESS.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., have received a cable from Spaldings, London, to the effect that in the British Open Championship, played at Carnoustie, the winner, Tommy Armour, played with the Spalding Golf ball and Spalding Cushion neck clubs.

One of the things that always amazes me about the average golfing galleryite is that he takes so little interest in the technique of the strokes. There will be crowds of golfers watching the world's best players in the big shows at Southport, Sandmoor, Arbroath, and Carnoustie, but not one man in a thousand of them will make any effort to study the actual playing of the shots.—Archie Compston.

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.
W. Drake, K.B.G.C.	4	4	0	0
A. Shields, Y.C.	4	4	0	0
A. Davidson, K.B.G.C.	3	3	0	0
J. Ozorio, C. de R.	4	3	0	1
J. Robinson, K.C.C.	4	3	0	1
H. Alves, C. de R.	2	2	0	0
A. de Souza, C.C.C.	4	2	1	1
W. Macfarlane, Y.C.	4	2	1	1
H. E. Strango, C.S.C.C.	3	2	0	1
W. J. Bickford, C.S.C.C.	3	2	0	1
T. Grimes, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
J. Jack, K.C.C.	4	2	0	2
V. Labrum, K.C.C.	4	2	0	2
R. Duncan, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
F. Silva, C. de R.	4	2	0	2
D. Munro, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
F. V. Ribeiro, C. de R.	1	1	0	0
P. Ramsay, Y.C.	1	1	0	0
W. Gill, C.C.C.	1	1	0	0
J. F. Lunny, E.R.C.	2	1	0	1
J. Shellshear, Y.C.	2	1	0	1
W. Hollands, C.S.C.C.	4	1	1	2
V. Petherick, K.B.G.C.	3	1	1	1
C. Spink, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
J. Donkin, C.S.C.C.	1	0	0	1
L. Luck, C.S.C.C.	1	0	0	1
W. Vr Field, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
M. O'Brien, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
H. H. Rose, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1
F. L. Rapley, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1
F. X. Soares, C. de R.	1	0	0	1
A. Chapman, Y.C.	1	0	0	1
A. Paul, E.R.C.	2	0	0	2
H. Pearce, C.C.C.	4	0	0	4
A. Webster, E.R.C.	4	0	0	4
W. Muskett, E.R.C.	4	0	0	4

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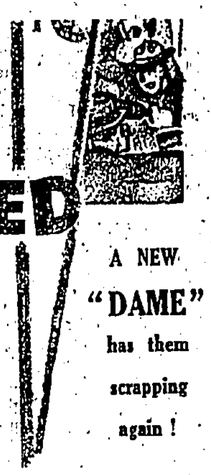

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QUEER GOLFING STYLES.

Unorthodoxy May Be Worth While.

LEO DIEGEL.

[By Harry Vardon.]

As one whose mission it is to teach the true golfing swing, I have to confess that unorthodoxy sometimes pays.

The most startling example of this truth is presented by Leo Diegel, the American professional.

It ought to be a source of boundless hope and inspiration for multitudes of golfers that Diegel won the professional match-play championship of the United States for two years in succession, beating Walter Hagen on each occasion and making even that immortal rock on his pedestal as a personality who captures the crowds wherever he goes. For if there is one man more than any other of whom it might be said, "With a style like his, he will never do anything," that man is Diegel.

Thus may the heretics be encouraged to rise with the word "Diegel" inscribed upon their banner, with faith in their hearts and defiance in their souls.

Even may they resolve to use a tee, like that of their patron saint, several inches high. If a player can do what Diegel has done with such a style as his, there is a chance even for the man who stands on his head and swings the club with his feet.

One Thing Right.

It is certain that Diegel's style is magnificently incorrect.

Any novice at the game can see that, and novices always know these things, because they have read the text-books. Nearly as striking as the considered opinion of the deathless army of foozlers is the fact that the experts give up Diegel as an insoluble riddle. Everything he does is wrong, except that he wins, which is right. And that makes up for a lot.

How he putts so conqueringly is past all understanding, for he stands like a man who has made up his mind to get into the most uncomfortable position that the human body could be forced to assume. One of his friends in America describes it as "the pose of the praying mantis"—a zoological specimen which carries its large, thorny forelegs in the attitude of prayer.

Like Signposts.

Diegel looks to be all arms when he bends over the ball for a putt. His elbows jut out like signposts at the cross-roads, and, with the hands held close in to the pit of the stomach, the clubhead seems somehow to be dangling helplessly. This impression is the more marked for the reason that he uses a very long putter, and holds it almost at the top of the shaft.

The fact remains, however, that Diegel has outputted Hagen (an almost unheard of thing) in two American match-play championships, and that his putting was one of the best parts of his game during his visit to Britain this year.

It contributed more than anything else to his victory over Abe Mitchell by nine up and eight to play in the Ryder Cup match at Moostown, Leeds, last year. That was Mitchell's one bad reverse of the season and it was really a little bit unlucky, for he had a score of 69 strokes in the morning, and yet finished four holes down. It was certainly Diegel's putting that enabled him to lead at the end of three rounds in the British Open Championship at Muirfield that season. It failed him in the last round, but even the player whose style is as orthodox as a glass of milk cannot condemn that of the man who putts as Diegel does.

He explodes the theory that there is a correct method. He advances the proposition that the best way is the way that gets the ball into the hole.

The Supreme Heretic.

And, in truth, I think this is wondrously true in regard to the modern hyper-sensitive rubber-cored ball. It is largely true of all the shots in the game.

The old orthodoxy by which humanity set itself to conquer the inert solid ball has its fragrant memories and elements of value, but truly do young players appear able to do all sorts of things nowadays by means that were unthought of when the creed of golfing methods was formulated.

When first I met Diegel, which was before he had played in this country, I asked him, in regard to his very high tees:—"Of course, you don't use them at short holes" "Oh yes, I do," he replied. "I often use them when it's only niblick shot or a mashie shot." Once upon a time, we were sure that even for full drives we ought to have only a very low tee; and that if we wanted a tee in playing a short hole—well, if we wanted it, we could have it, but that it was a sign of weakness.

And now we have Diegel leading us into vice and himself into victory.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

WATER POLO—To-day—Division I.—Royal Navy v. Borderers, 6 p.m.; Division II.—Royal Artillery v. University, 5.30 p.m.

LAWN TENNIS—To-morrow—
"A" Division—
South China v. M.B.K.
I.R.C. v. K.C.C.
C.R.C. v. H.K.C.C.
"B" Division—
M.B.K. v. Recreio.
I.R.C. v. K.C.C.
Nippon Club v. C.C.C.
C.R.C. v. University.
U.S.R.C. v. C.S.C.C.
"C" Division—
Recreio v. Y.M.C.A.
C.C.C. v. C.R.C.
University v. K.C.C.
C.S.C.C. v. South China.
A.T.C. v. K. Indians.
H.K.C.C. v. I.R.C.
LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—
Division I—
Craigengower v. Kowloon Docks.
K.B.G.C. v. K.C.C.
Recreio v. Police.
Taikoo v. C.S.C.C.
Division II—
Yacht Club v. Taikoo.
K.C.C. v. Craigengower.
C.S.C.C. v. Recreio.
H.K. Electric v. K.B.G.C.

HOME.

CRICKET—To-day—
Middlesex v. Worcester.
Kent v. Northants.
Sussex v. Glamorgan.
Notts v. Essex.
Cambridge U. v. Leicester.
Hampshire v. Lancashire.
Gloucester v. New Zealanders.
Gentlemen v. Players.
To-morrow, Monday and Tuesday.
Middlesex v. Notts.
Sussex v. Surrey.
Kent v. Lancashire.
Somerset v. Essex.
Yorkshire v. Leicester.
Northants v. Hampshire.
Worcester v. Glamorgan.
Warwick v. Gloucester.
Cambridge U. v. Free Foresters.
Derbyshire v. New Zealanders.
GOLF—To-day—British Ladies' Open at Portmarnock; French Open Championship.

CONSCIENCE MONEY.

The Mortlake and East Sheen Sports Club has received a letter, bearing a Plymouth postmark and enclosing a 10s. postal order.

A short note stated that the sender was an old Mortlake man. He took one of the club's footballs from the playing field 30 years ago and now wished to atone for his wrong.

The fetish for slap-dash services, twists and twirls, and futile experiments became so ingrained that practically we lost our own tennis that had set a standard to the world. Meanwhile there were overseas players with greater wisdom, who took our championship honours while we were unprepared by their adherence to the rhythmical beauties of the more enduring game.—Herbert L. Bourke.

We want a man of Jack Dempsey's unsullied reputation to act as the leader of international boxing. Unfortunately for the prestige of British boxing, we have not a man of Dempsey's personality. He is the ideal leader because he is very human, and like most great men has never lost his head because of fulsome adulation or hero worship.—James Butler.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	11¼
Bank, on demand	11¼
Bank, 4 months' sight	11 5/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	11 15/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/- 1/16
On Paris—	
On demand	582½
Credits, 4 months' sight	622½
On Berlin—	
On demand	Nom.
On New York—	
On demand	22 13/16
Credits, 60 days' sight	23 15/16
On Bombay—	
Wire	63¼
On demand	63¼
On Calcutta—	
Wire	63¼
On demand	63¼
On Singapore—	
On demand	40½
On Manila—	
On demand	45⅞
On Shanghai—	
On demand	T79
Dollar	6¾% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	46⅛
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	11⅞
Silver (per oz.)	12¼
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	1% prem.
Copper Cash	Nom.
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3½% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	24½% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby,	Yesterday.
Paris	124.21½
New York	4.86 19/32
Brussels	34.92½
Geneva	25.05½
Amsterdam	12.08¾
Milan	92.92½
Berlin	20.51½
Stockholm	18.15½
Copenhagen	18.16½
Oslo	18.16½
Vienna	34.61½
Prague	164¼
Helsingfors	193¾
Madrid	48.20
Lisbon	110⅛
Athens	375
Bucharest	817
Rio	3 15/16
Buenos Aires	34 7/16
Montevideo	28¾
Bombay	1/5¾
Shanghai	1/2
Yokohama	2/- 11/32
Hong Kong	11 11/32
Silver Spot & Forward	12¼

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PAPAL RAILWAY.

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NEARING COMPLETION.

The Vatican railway is nearing completion. With its inauguration the Pope may leave his miniature sovereign State, that walled city set in the heart of Rome, and travel without setting foot upon Italian soil. The railway measures 3,000 ft. from the start through the tunnel until it links with the Italian State Railway just outside S. Peter's Station on the Rome-Viterbo line.

In order to construct the shortest railway-line in the world, the ancient Vatican city wall was pierced, houses were demolished in Roman territory, and an eight-arched viaduct had to be built over the Gelsomina Valley and the Via Aurelia, a busy thoroughfare on the Italian side of the Roman-Vatican frontier. The Vatican station, which, like the railway, is for the exclusive use of the Pope, high church dignitaries, and Royal visitors, is in armoured cement and of the simplest design. It is 180 ft. long, and has a private waiting-room for His Holiness.

There is great doubt as to the Pope's ever taking advantage of his railway, as a journey nowadays would entail a great deal of police protection. Also, there is a tradition that the more a Pope stays at home the greater is his prestige.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 12th June, 1931.

Next Settlement Day, Tuesday, June 23rd.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank	$ ...	2010	...	...	Dec.	Final $3 bonus $1 a/c 1930 ex. 1/11= $72.14	Mar. 31
Chartered Bank	£ ...	...	...	12	Dec.	Fin. 7/- bonus 6/3 Subject to I/Tax making 20/3 for 1930	Mar. —, 31
Mercantile Bk., AsB.	£ ...	...	...	20½	Dec.	Fin. 20/- 8/- a/c 1930 less I/Tax	Apr. —, 31
" C.	£ ...	...	...	12½			
Bank of Asia	$ ...	...	...	125	Dec.	$8 for 1930	Feb. 23, 31
Insurances.							
Canton Ins.	$ ...	...	...	2490	Dec.	Fin. $72 bon. $10 for 1929 Interim $18 a/c 1930	=$80 May 16, 31
Union Ins.	$ 805	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 16/- for 1929 Interim 24/- a/c 1930	=£2 May 29, 31
*China Underwriters	$ 5.55	...	5½	....	Dec.	None	...
China Fire Ins.	$ 675	...	...	...	Dec.	Final $9 bonus $6 And $14 for 1929 Interim $3 a/c 1930	=$31 May 29, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	$ ...	...	....	1865	Dec.	$40 and bonus $10 making $50 for 1929	Mar. 26, 31
Shipping.							
Douglases	$ ...	...	...	24½	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
H. K. Steamboats	$ ...	26	...	...	Dec.	$1.50 for 1929 None for 1930	Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	$ ...	...	...	40	Dec.	(12½ ex. 2½ on preferred for 1924 and 1925	June 19, 29
" (Def.)	$ 30	...	...	...		Last dividend for 1921	...
Shell Transports	s/- ...	...	...	47/6	Dec.	Final 1/6 Coupon No. 58 free I/Tax a/c 1930	Pending
Union Waterboats	$ 98½	...	...	...	Dec.	$1.50 for 1930	Mar. 31, 31
Mining.							
Benguets	$ 0½	...	....	...	Dec.	Interim 25 centavos a/c 1931	Mar. 31 31
Kailan Mining Ad.	s/- ...	...	...	28/9	June	Fin. 4% free I/Tax Coupon 38 making 9% for year 31-6-30	Dec. 30, 30
Langkats (Single)	Tls. ...	...	...	4.05	Oct.	T. 0.60 for year 31-10-29	May 6, 30
S'hai Exploration	Tls. ...	...	...	2	Dec.	None	...
" Loans	Tls. ...	...	...	4½	Dec.	Final T. 0.25 making T. 0.50 for 1930 Third Int. 1/- a/c year 31-3-31	Feb. 6, 31
*Raubs	$ 38½	...	...	...	Mar.		Mar. 16, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	$ ...	9	...	...	...		...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves	$ 107	...	...	...	Dec.	$9 for 1930	Mar. 19, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	$ ...	...	...	32	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
South Ch. Motors	$ ...	...	...	10	...		...
*China Providents (old)	$ 5.80	...	(5.80)	85)	Dec.	{10 cents on old 01½ cents on new} for 1930	April 8, 31
" (new)	$ ...	...	2.70	...			
Hongkews	Tls. ...	...	...	385	Dec.	Fin. T. 11 mak. T. 14 for 1930	May 4, 31
N. Engineerings	Tls. ...	...	...	6	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1930	Mar. 4, 31
Shanghai Docks	Tls. ...	...	...	112	Apr.	T. 7 for year 30-4-30	July 30, 30
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
*H. K. & S. Hotels	$ 17.10	17½	17.10	...			
" (E.R.)	$ 15	...	...	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1930	Apr. 16, 31
" (Rts.)	$ 5.10	...	...	...			
H.K. Lands	$ 92½	...	92½	...	Dec.	{Final $2 making $4 for 1930 and $1 on new issue}	Feb. 10, 31
Shanghai Lands	Tls. ...	41	...	...	Dec.	{Final T. 1½ for 1930 making T. 21} on old shares	Mar. 19, 31
Humphreys (old)	$ ...	...	...	...			
" (new)	$ ...	21	...	...	Dec.	80 cents for 1930	Feb. 24, 31
H. K. Realties	$ 14½	...	14.85	...	Dec.	{Final 20 cents making 50 cents} for 1930	Apr. 15, 31
Chinese Estates	$ ...	...	...	90	Feb.	$6 for year 29-2-30	July 21, 30
Cotton Mills.							
*Ewo Cotton	Tls. 18.40	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1930	Mar. 19, 31
Shanghai Cotton	Tls. ...	...	...	95½	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3.25 for half year 30-4-31	May 27, 31
Soung Sings	Tls. ...	...	...	10½	June	T. 0.80 for year 30-6-30	Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.							
*H. K. Tramways	$ 21.80	...	21½	...	Dec.	{Final of 40 cents making 80 cents for 1930	Feb. 27, 31
Peak Trams (old)	$ ...	...	...	14½	Apr.	{50 cts. on old} for year	
" (new)	$ ...	...	...	7		{40 cts on new} 30-4-31	Pending
Star Ferries	$ ...	...	...	96½	Dec.	$4 for 1930	Feb. 18, 31
*China Light	$ 26½	...	...	...	Sept.	Final 50 cts. a/c yr. 30-9-30	Dec. 15, 30
H. K. Electrics	$ ...	...	...	82½	Dec.	$2.50 for 1930	Mar. 18, 31
Macao "	$ ...	...	...	28	Dec.		...
Sandakan Lights	$ ...	...	...	12	June	None	...
H.K. Tels. fully paid	$ ...	...	...	53	Dec.	{Final 8% making 10% a/c 1930	Mar. 11, 31
" part paid	$ ...	...	...	38			
China Buses	Tls. ...	...	...	16.60	Dec.	T. 0.90 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	s/- ...	...	...	3/-	Sept.	{1½% on preference shares Subject to Income tax}	Feb. 6, 31
" (Pref.)	s/- ...	...	...	19/-			
Yaumati Ferries	$ 25	...	...	...	...		...
Industrials.							
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Lane Crawfords	$ 7	...	7.10	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 28-2-28	...
Mackintosh	$ ...	...	...	18	Feb.	$2 for year 28-2-31	Apr. 30, 31
Sincere	$ ...	...	...	14½	...		...
Wm. Powells	$ ...	...	...	4.40	Feb.	20 cents for year 28-2-31	Pending
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusement (old)	$ ...	...	...	21½	Mar.	$2.50 for year 31-3-30	Sept. 27, 30
" (new)	$ ...	...	...	23½			
Ch. Entertainment	$ ...	...	...	17½	...		...
H. K. Constructions	$ 8.50	...	...	...	Dec.	30 cents for 1930	Apr. 23, 31
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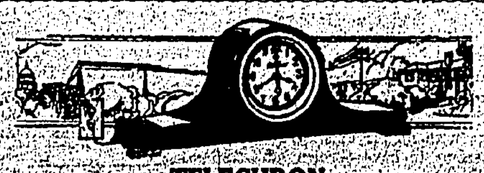

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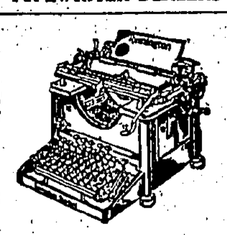

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TALKIE TALKS

by
Diane

"The Lottery Bride" is an Operetta with Jeanette MacDonald, Zabu Pitts, John Garrick and Joe Brown. When it comes down to doing my stuff as a critic, there is no more apt saying than this, "one man's meat is another man's poison." Often I have expressed an opinion of a certain play, in a disparaging way—and been told that the public loved it. The man who went four times to "Just Imagine" will probably go into raptures over this once-famous Hammerstein Musical Production. Who am I to say what I think? If I had the gift of St. John Irvine—England's greatest dramatic critic—I could advise and criticise. But—then again if I had his ability I should not be here. No, candidly, there is no room in this small town for real criticism. I can only express a very humble opinion—and I am well aware that my views of certain pictures are not held by the majority of people. Go to this picture, be transported to Norway, the North Pole, see the studio yellow-coloured ice, observe the dirigible crash into the iceberg, listen to the voices and organ accompaniment which break out in the wrong places, to accompany the struggles of the lost men. You may enjoy it. P.S.—It ends happily. (Queen's)

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Lonely Princess.

There was a lonely little Princess in the Balkans. That is Maureen O'Sullivan. There was an American millionaire, disguised as a plumber. That is Charles Farrell. Bert Roach and H. B. Warner complete with small feather in felt hat which proves that he is an Austrian or Czecho-Slovak or something in the Balkans—all add to the story of "The Princess and the Plumber." For those admirers of Charles, the address is the King's.

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The chubby faced Nancy Carroll in "Laughter," is a chorus girl who marries a wealthy man. (Frank Morgan). He is one of those who has forgotten how to play, and she pines for the young musician who has run away to Paris. It is is an excellent picture of two young people in love. Nancy Carroll, who keeps on getting better every day, and Fredric March who loves laughter, do really good work. The piano hits were a rare treat, perfectly doubled. Splendid dialogue by Ogden Stewart and up to the mark direction. I am not sure what becomes of daughter Marjorie—Glen Anders, newcomer, good in parts, Diane Ellis—also. Fredric

Nancy Carroll.

and Nancy, though, keep this play in the unusual class. She has not the big chance she had in "The Devil's Holiday," but it is a really good show, nevertheless. Worth seeing. (King's.)

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Greta Garbo.

From June 17 we are promised Greta Garbo in "Inspiration." I regret to state that Robert Montgomery gives his first poor performance. Completely overshadowed by Garbo, he early gives up the game, or so it seemed to me, and merely recites his lines. No one would think he cared for Yvonne, little alone that he was racked with passion for her. I somehow could not feel the atmosphere of the old story—"Sapho" by Alphonse Daudet. The support looked too well-fed, too American to convey life amongst painters, sculptors models, mistress, etc. Garbo looks youthful and lovely as the French siren who loved too indiscreetly and who pays dearly. She makes the part sensitive, intelligent, and of course alluring, but it is not amongst her best efforts. Lewis Stone, Marjorie Rambeau, John Miljan, Kapen Morley and others help Clarence Brown, the Director, in the making. A Garbo picture? You will never miss I know. (Queen's).

—Robert Montgomery.

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"Follow The Leader."

"Follow the Leader" with the stage star, Ed Wynn. If you like, his squeaking apologetic voice, you will find this musical comedy amusing. I do not favour Ginger Rogers—some do—then there are Stanley Smith, Bobby Watson and others. Musicals are an attraction here, so I hope it meets with success. (King's).

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If you know anyone who is not yet keen about the Talkies, take them to see "The Royal Family" due at the King's about the 21st.

Mary Brian.

It was a great stage play but it is greater in the Talkies (do not forget that Edna Ferber and George Kaufman wrote the story). It moves. It is not a costume play, but a vivid, sad, funny story of the great Cavendish tribe of actors. Three generations of a mighty family with an historic past and great future. For those who are not wise to American theatrical lore, let me whisper that rumour has it we witness the life stories of the one and only Barrymore family. Fredric as the supposed John does the best work of his career. Ina Claire (one of my best bets, at present Mrs. John Gilbert) simply magnificent as Julie (Ethel). Fine work by Mary Brian and the stage actress, Henrietta Crossman. This play has EVERYTHING. More of it next week. (King's).

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"City Lights."

Due on June 26, the greatest picture up-to-date, the first BIG Silent since the Talkies—Charles Chaplin's "City Lights." Subtle humour, burlesque comedy and that master touch of pathos. Not for years has there been anything funnier than the scene where the penny whistle is stuck in Charlie's throat, and nothing more pathetic than the closing shot. Gorgeous symphonic accompaniment composed by Chaplin. A sweet story with a newcomer, lovely sympathetic, tender Virginia Cherrill as the blind flower-seller. Harry Myers, remembered by the older movie fans is priceless as the alcoholic millionaire. (Queen's).

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The more I go to the Theatres, the more I am left staggered—I admit to being in a quandary. I saw talent galore in Hollywood, talent from every part of the world, battling at the Studio gates and Casting Bureaus for chances. YET, we go to show after show and are forced to sit out the most appalling "Shorts" the minds of man can invent. I remember seeing that Max Fleischer had gone bankrupt—I wish that meant he would retire from burdening Talkie-goers with his utter rubbish. Same old gags till you squirm in your seats. HOW and WHY do some of these so-called artistes manage to get past the gate-man? I can understand a pretty girl who may or may NOT be the wife of some Most-High Studio Executive being foisted upon a long-suffering public, but why do they not give some of the really clever men a chance? Did you see "A Broadway Hoofer"? I hope not. Well—that leading juvenile was a type who should stay behind a shop counter—he may be a success there—where he rightly belongs. The atrocious voices, the STORIES? (pardon the question mark). Time and again I am left debating whatever possessed the Casting Director that he allows some of these people to break into the picture. Yes—I suppose I shall go on asking a few WHYS all my life—and this is one of them.

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"It Pays To Advertise."

One of the last comedies ever produced on the stage—but I can't vouch for it as a Talkie—You remember the slogan? "Thirteen soap, unlucky for dirt." It is coming to the Central with Norman Foster, Skeets Gallagher and Carole Lombard. The keynote of the picture is speed, and then more speed. "It Pays To Advertise" could safely be advertised as "Unlucky for Gloom." I think it will be good. (Central).

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We hope for a good laugh when our beloveds—Marie Dressler and Polly Moran—come to the Queen's in "Reducing." I hear it is not quite up to the standard of "Caught Short"—but there are laughs galore, and Polly, as usual "feeds" Marie. Two sisters run an establishment designed to reduce fat ladies to delightful slimness. Anita Page, Sally Eilers, Buster

Anita Page.

Collier in the cast—but as usual it is Marie who counts most. (Queen's).

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George O'Brien.

"The Last of the Duanes" is a fast-moving Westerd. George O'Brien (who was recently in this city) is at present one of the foremost portrayers of this type of role. A girl whose name I do not know—Lucille Brown—is the heroine who pales into insignificance beside the beauteous Myrna Loy. Others in small parts please, especially Blanche Frederici. Quite a strong plot which his last "Rough Romance" did not have. I can recommend it. (World and Star).

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Frank Albertson is good in "Wild Company." Story of father who gives son money instead of advice. H. B. Warner as the father is his usual suave self. Kenneth Thompson, Sharon Lynn, and Joyce Compton, rest of cast. (Star).

I was surprised at the glaring mistakes made in the production of "The Black Watch." Victor McLaglen totally miscast. Mitchell Lewis and Myrna Loy the best in the bunch. I saw Richard Barthelmess in "Drag" two years ago—

Sharon Lynn.

and it still possesses charm. Adorable Lila Lee could not be improved. Dick makes the struggling hero of this simple every-day-life tale a believable sincere character. That wonderful Warner continues the adventures of the Cisco Kid as the dashing hero in "The Arizona Kid." Chico is, as usual, about perfect, but the play is not another "In Old Arizona," although Mona Maris and Carole Lombard do their best. Again the same guitar strumming, creaking of stage coaches, and wild rides across the desert—still it was quite good.

Chaplin on Marriage.

Talking of Chaplin, his advice on marriage amused me. As you know he has had two failures. Now he asks—"Why do people want to marry, anyhow? They lose so much personal peace, individuality and freedom, and they gain so little." He does not give this advice with an air of wistfulness; he seems to have thrown off that cloud of depression, which we are told always hung around him. He is philosophical rather than bitter. He has reached middle age with all of the things for which men strive—world fame, riches and—friends (they do exist you know, when one has everything). In Hollywood they say he is changed. Success does very often spoil a beautiful nature. One now reads of a Five Thousand Pound Dinner Dance, where the names of the celebrities in London Society read like Debrett. Pity to hear this sort of thing of Chaplin. I would rather know that he threw open the Salvation Army Shelters and fed the "down and outs"—than Sir Philip Sassoon, Astors, Mountbatteng, etc., who are surfeited with luxury.

POLITICAL MEDAL.

The Solar Eclipse Of 1715.

The early history of political propaganda is illuminated by an anti-Jacobite medal, making use of the total eclipse of the sun of May 3, 1715, which has been acquired by the Trustees of the British Museum.

The contrast is drawn between the conditions of Jacobite activity on the one side, with "le Roi Soleil" (Louis XIV.) in the ascendant, and "the cursed darnel and sterile tares in control" in England, and the position which followed the suppression of the '15.

The sun is then in eclipse, and in England in Ovid's words, "the corn is growing and the stubble burning." The slight delay in this admirable consummation is explained by a reference to St. Matthew's version of the parable of the tares: "Let both grow together until the time of the harvest." The metaphor, it is suggested, may have been inspired by that earlier eclipse of 1706, when a total eclipse of the sun coincided with the relief of Barcelona and the personal eclipse of "le Roi Soleil."

The most valuable acquisition is the head of a girl in Greek marble, derived from the Lansdowne collection, which has been presented by an American donor through the National Art Collections Fund in memory of the Fifth Marquess of Lansdowne. The classical collections have been augmented by a number of pottery specimens from near Frankfurt, illustrating the provincial Roman culture of the Second Century A.D. These have a direct interest for excavators of similar Roman remains in Britain.

McMANUS TALKS TO AUSTRALIA

George McManus, creator of the comic strip "Bringing Up Father," looks as though he were at an exhibit of antique radios, on account of the head set he is wearing. As a matter of fact he's shown using the latest, high-powered radio equipment available at Schnectady, New York, in a two-way conversation with Edward Johnson, editor of the Melbourne Sun, in Australia.

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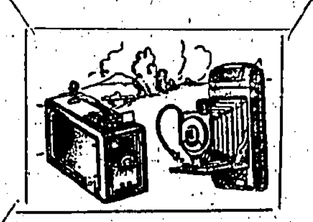

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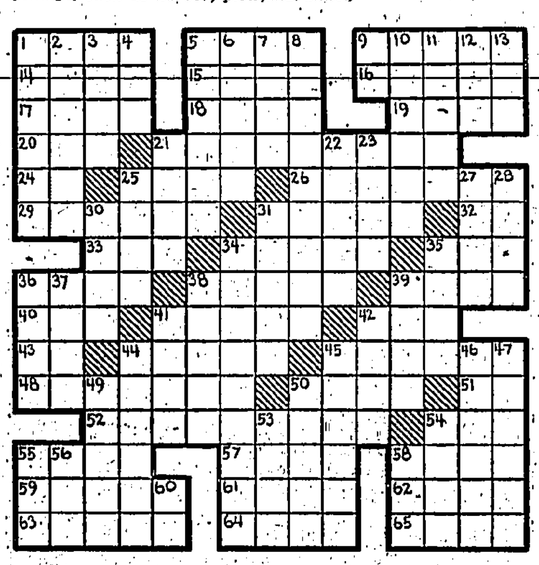
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1–Scheme
5–Of advanced years
9–Surmount by climbing
14–Citric fruit
15–Impel
16–Domesticates
17–Lady of King Arthur's court
18–Drags
19–Soapy foam
20–To say further
21–Edible nut (pl.)
24–Point of compass (abbr.)
25–Small collection of water
26–Sows seed again
29–Make beloved
31–Sweetheart
32–New England State (abbr.)
33–Household pest
34–Single horizontal thickness
35–Noise
36–Prussian river
38–Creator
39–Nature
40–Skilful
41–Crippled
42–Blind
43–Pronoun
44–Fathers (Fr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
45–Illuminant
48–Interpret
50–An obligation
51–Cutting tool
52–Those who set things again
54–Simian
55–Diving bird
57–Persia
58–Fabulous demon
59–Relative (pl.)
61–Bare
62–Forms of a religion
63–Takes booty
64–Itinerary of a royal progress
65–Girl's name (short)

VERTICAL
1–Gratify
2–A tree
3–In the midst of
4–Boy's name (short)
5–Originator
6–Semi-liquid food
7–Instigates
8–Ruined
9–A thoroughfare (abbr.)
10–Furniture roller
11–Entertain
12–Conducted
13–An ending of feminine nouns

VERTICAL (Cont.)
21–Outer garment
22–At no time
23–Employer
25–A fruit
27–Fall in drops
28–Trigonometrical term
30–Minced form of expletive
31–Inland bodies of water
34–Mourning
35–Expired
36–Identical
37–Highest point
38–Girl's name
39–Outer covering
41–Grassy meadows
42–Converts into leather
44–Abundance
45–Musical instrument
46–Folded parts of coat front
47–Puts forth
49–Prostrate
50–A rosary
53–Faithful to fast
54–Chills and fever
56–Lick up
56–Pronoun
58–A month (abbr.)
60–Steamship (abbr.)

(The solution of the above crossword puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

HOW TO PLAY "ROCKAWAY."

Game That Is Becoming A Craze.

UNPRINTED RULES.

Recent allusions to the game of "Rockaway," whose sudden popularity threatens to eclipse even the "Cooncan" craze many years ago, has prompted a number of readers to inquire where the official rules may be obtained, writes Peter Stewart in the Sunday Times. The answer, I am afraid, is "Nowhere," since they are not printed, and the game on the surface appears so simple that endless varintions constantly creep in.

From two to eight people can play, and where there are more than four players two packs of cards are used. A starting hand of seven cards is dealt to each player. The dealer then places the next card face upwards, and the remainder of them, as a pack, face downwards, in the centre of the table. The card exposed by the dealer is the foundation of the pile on which each player in turn endeavours to place a card. To do so he must play either any card of the same suit as that of the exposed card, any card of the same denomination, irrespective of suit, or an ace, which counts as a Joker.

If unable to match either the suit or the face value of the exposed card, and lacking, or unwilling to use, a Joker, the player must draw the top card from the pack, previously placed face downwards in the centre of the table and continue drawing until a suitable card is turned up or the pack is exhausted.

It frequently occurs that a player reduced to his last card is unable to play it, and is forced to draw as many as a dozen or more cards. If he already holds or draws an ace, a player has the choice of using it at once, or of continuing to draw cards, and on his decision the fate of the game often rests.

"Switching Suits."

By "switching suits," i.e., playing a seven of hearts on a seven of clubs, or a two of diamonds on a two of spades, the same player is often able, not only to get rid of some of his own cards, but also to force his opponents to draw a large number of cards before they can play one.

The first player to dispose of all the cards in his hand is "out." The scores of the other players are counted, and when all the cards in the pack in the centre of the table have been drawn, each score is doubled. Cards count their face value, and Court cards count ten. Aces count twenty, or the total score doubled, whichever is the greater. At the end of a "session," which, usually consists of ten games, the player with the lowest score wins.

The "final treble" convention applies only to the last three games of a session, when each player's score is automatically trebled, and if the pack in the centre has been exhausted, the score is trebled again, making nine times the original total. Thus, in a "final treble" game, a player left with four Court cards and an Ace, would score ten for each Court card, doubled for an Ace, and then trebled twice, making a total of 720.

Rockaway offers far more chances for intelligent "play" than appears from this bald description, since it is often vitally important to concentrate on thwarting dangerous opponents, even at the cost of drawing many cards, rather than to attempt to get out oneself.

STANDARD TIMES.

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„ 19	5.39	7.09
„ 20	5.39	7.10
„ 21	5.39	7.10
„ 22	5.39	7.10
„ 23	5.40	7.10
„ 24	5.40	7.10
„ 25	5.40	7.10

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A GIRL STOWAWAY HOLDS UP LINER.

Wanted to See the Queen.

CAPE TOWN'S SLUMS.

It seems like a fairy tale that any little girl should set off from one of the slums of Cape Town, alone and unafraid, across six thousand miles of ocean to go to London to see the Queen, but that is what Gertie Bridget Phankies, of Freda Street, Woodstock, did the other day, writes a Daily Express correspondent on board the Winchester Castle.

She is twelve years old, tall and miserably thin, half starved, almost white, her tousled mop of untidy black curly hair alone betraying the touch of colour in her make-up. Her very blue eyes, perhaps, explain her Irish name.

She crept aboard the Winchester Castle from among the many thousands who crowded the docks and every corner of the huge vessel prior to its sailing for England on Good Friday.

There is not much to do in the way of excitement in Cape Town on Good Friday (no "Sunday" cinemas out there!), so every one crowds down to see the mailboat off, and Bridget seized her chance. She was playing round the wireless office and the boat deck all the afternoon.

Several of the sailors spoke to her, but an hour or so after we had left Table Mountain behind us and were well out to sea she emerged from some temporary hiding-place and came smiling along the corridor asking where could she sleep, as she was tired and wanted to go to bed.

For a little while it was thought that she must be with a passenger in some capacity or other, but to every question she simply answered. "I'm going to London to see the Queen."

So then we realised she was a stowaway, a little girl stowaway, something almost unknown on the South African seas. What could we do with her?

A stewardess promptly proceeded to scrub her thoroughly and shear her mass of frizzly locks, shedding more than half her tangled hair. Passengers helped to clothe her in something clean, and some one gave her a blazer. After two or three days of good feeding she began to look a different creature.

She was exactly like a monkey let loose, stealing the matches out of the smoking-room, upsetting the children's toys, pulling their hair, chattering and eternally jabbering to herself, and in everybody's way from morning until night.

Only one who knows Cape Town's "scully-boys" (worse than your English hooligans or French apaches), would ever understand where she had picked up her terrible mixture of African and English profanity. Her language was appalling when she was stopped by any one in her wanderings 'round the ship.

Just a Nuisance.

The quartermaster threatened to wring her neck if she came down to the first-class deck again. The first officer embellished his threatenings with many lurid adjectives, but nothing seemed to deter her. She was just one unmitigated nuisance.

Music was her passion, and there came out her coloured blood. As I watched her doing an excellent imitation of a "snake dance" with wonderful movements of her poor, little thin arms and legs, graceful to a degree, in full view of every one on deck, to the music of the ship's band, quite unembarrassed, my mind went back to Cape Town's famous "District Six."

There on a Summer's evening every one sits out on the pavement, and a thousand ukuleles, banjos, mandolins, or gramophones strum incessantly the low, tuneful background of slumberous tunes beloved by coloured and white people alike. Bridget was true to type and up-bringing.

What to do with her puzzled every one. She could not be shut up in a cabin all day long. The heat in the tropics was unbearable even on deck. She could not be allowed to play with the children because of her abominable language; so there she was, apparently, until we should reach our first call, Madeira, on our fourteenth day out from Cape Town.

Some one said she was mentally deficient, but they do not know Cape Town's slum children and the sadness of their lives. When wireless reports made it clear that the riots in Madeira might prevent our calling, our commander, Captain Gardner, decided to stop the Warwick Castle in mid-ocean on its way to Cape Town, and send the child over in one of our small boats. We heard a whisper of this the night before, so were up almost at dawn on the look-out for the Warwick on April 11.

For One Little Girl.

Presently we saw her long, white hull and brilliant red and black funnels coming towards us nearer and nearer, and soon the great ships were still a quarter of a mile or so from each other, hundreds of miles from land. These two newest members of the Union Castle fleet were stopped on the high seas for the sake of one little girl!

Meanwhile, one of our small boats had been slung out ready, and vast quantities of oil were poured all round the ship. The sailors donned their lifebelts. Into the launch went another stowaway, a coloured man, and as the startled passengers began to pour up on deck in all states of dress, undress and half-dress the stewardess came along with little Bridget, frightened and miserable.

They had watched her closely all night for fear she should get an inkling of what was to happen at dawn. The huge genial bo'sun took her in his arms, and with a "Good-bye, girlie, be good," swung her into the launch. A substantial parcel of clothing and toys followed.

She began to cry pitifully, and put out her poor little arms entreatingly to the bo'sun, but he gave his final orders, the boat slipped down into the water, then off she went over the oily sea to the boat awaiting her alongside the Warwick Castle. A real British cheer went up from the Warwick Castle ringing across the waters to us.

Bridget was gone, back to Cape Town and the slums. Her hope of seeing the Queen had gone, too, but we are still amazed at the wonderful courage of the little girl who could set out on a 6,000 mile journey across the seas to London.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			June 4, 1931. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾脊	lb.	33	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	30	28	11
„ Corned	咸牛肉	„	—	23	12
„ Roast	燒牛	„	33	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩	„	30	20	18
„ Soup	湯肉	„	27	20	18
„ Steak	牛柳	„	33	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin	牛柳	„	46	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	36	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	17	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	75	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	„	—	60	—
„ Head	牛頭	„	$1.20	—	$1.20
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛肩	„	—	20	18
„ Feet	蹄	each	12	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛腰	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	27	20	22
„ Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
„ Tripe	牛肚	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭蹄	set	$1.50	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	44	26	—
„ Leg	羊脾	„	44	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊手	„	40	24	—
„ Saddle	羊鞍肉	„	44	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	„	30	27	—
„ Brains	豬腦	Per set	3	—	—
„ Feet	豬脚	lb.	16	15	—
„ Fry	豬什	„	28	15	18
„ Head	豬頭	„	18	20	—
„ Heart	豬心	each	15	10	10
„ Kidneys	豬腰	„	15	10	8
„ Liver	豬肝	lb.	48	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	„	36	25	23
„ Leg	豬髀	„	38	—	—
„ Loin	豬腰脊	„	44	30	70
„ Fat or Lard	豬油	„	26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	per set	90	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	牛肝	„	45	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛羊油	„	30	20	18
„ Mutton		„	36	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	„	22	20	20
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	28	—	—
„ „ No. 1		„	32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鮫	lb.	48	16	24
Bream	鳳城	„	30	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	省河塘鯉	„	30	—	—
Carp	鯉魚	„	30	13	16
Catfish	鯰魚	„	36	16	27
Codfish	鱈魚	„	34	12	9
Crabs	蟹	„	42	16	17
Cuttle Fish	魚	„	24	23	26
Dab		„	26	16	28
Dace	黃皮	„	42	23	16
Dog Fish	鯊魚	„	21	10	—
Eels, Conger	海鰻	„	38	10	8
„ Fresh Water	淡水	„	38	16	—
„ Yellow	黃田	„	42	10	8
Frogs	石鷄	„	70	26	30
Garoupa	鯇	„	74	32	25
Gudgeon		„	23	40	30
Herrings	鯡	„	28	22	18
Halibut		„	32	13	23
Labrus		„	34	18	15
Lonch		„	68	32	13
Lobsters		„	56	62	24
Mackerel		„	35	32	21
Monk Fish		„	40	20	20
Mullet		„	35	13	2
Oysters		„	35	12	2
Parrot Fish	公	„	25	14	9
Perch		„	26	30	15
Pike		„	40	16	9
Plaice		„	42	36	29
Pomfret, White		„	48	36	30
Pomfret, Black		„	36	36	45
Prawns		„	70	10	14
Ray		„	24	10	14
Rock Fish		„	24	13	18
Roach		„	32	22	10
Salmon		„	48	36	30
Shark		„	20	8	10
Skate		„	20	10	10
Shrimps		„	52	33	30
Snapper		„	42	28	28
Soles		„	35	22	28
Tench		„	32	26	35
Turbot		„	32	12	12
Turtles, small, fr. water		„	1.15	40	—

Poultry.

			June 4, 1931. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	鷄	lb.	60	30	31
Capons, Small	線鷄	„	60	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線鷄	„	66	28	30
Duck	鴨	„	45	22	21
Doves	莊鴿	each	50	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	鷄蛋	per doz.	33	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮鷄蛋	„	36	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地鷄	lb.	68	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南鷄	„	58	35	24
Geese	鵝	„	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	40	30	—
„ Hollow	青口鴿	„	35	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火鷄公	lb.	75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火鷄	„	60	61	45
Snipe	沙浥	each	28	—	—
Pheasant	山鷄	pair	3.50	—	—
Quail	鶉	each	45	—	—
Partridges	鶉	„	—	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	35	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋菓	„	34	26	—
Bananas (bride's)	糯山香蕉	„	12	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Coconuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	24	25	30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	13	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	90	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	„	34	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	55	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	40	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	5	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	26	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	34	—	16
Grapes	菩提卜	„	90	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鴉芝竹	each	14	—	2
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	5	—	7
„ Long	豆	„	20	—	8
Beet Root	紅菜頭	„	10	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	„	10	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	„	6	5	3
„ Red	紅瓜	„	6	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	„	10	—	—
„ (Shanghai)	鄉菜	„	18	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蘆筍	„	8	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大鄉菜花	each	—	—	—
„ (Medium)	中鄉菜花	„	—	—	—
„ (Small)	細鄉菜花	„	—	6	6
Carrots	金邊奧菜	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	„	16	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	„	14	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	10	10	10
„ Green	青花椒	„	8	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	菜厘材料	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers	水瓜	„	6	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	„	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	„	10	7	—
„ Old	老薑	„	8	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		„	40	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	„	9	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	„	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	9	—	8
„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菰	„	60	—	8
Okroes		„	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	„	10	8	8
„ Green	生葱	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海蔥頭	„	8	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	15	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	5	3	—
„ Japanese	日本薯仔	„	4	3	—
„ American	金山薯仔	„	—	3	—
Pumpkin	冬瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	„	7	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大菜頭	„	18	—	10
Shallots	千葱	„	8	—	8
Spinach	莧菜	„	6	8	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	14	4	—
Taros	芋頭	„	5	7	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔	„	6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	西洋菜	„	6	4	—
Water Cress		„	8	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮	„	4	15	—

MR. J. G. MILLAIS.

WALL DRAWINGS IN SOUDAN REST HOUSE.

Admirers of Mr. J. G. Millais, whose death took place recently will be interested to know that there are some remarkable studies drawn and scratched by him on the plaster of a living Rest House at Shambe, in Southern Soudan, done while he was recovering from an attack of malaria a few years ago.

When Mr. L. Raven Hill, the distinguished Punch artist, saw them in January, 1928, they were in excellent preservation and the pride of the lonely officials there.

Through the kindness of Mr. Raven Hill, who suggests that the pictures should be preserved in memory of Mr. Millais, publication has been made of the following letter written last month by the celebrated artist-traveller, in which reference is made to the wall paintings.

"Dear Mr. Raven Hill,—Curious that you should have visited that Rest House at Shambe. I was very ill there with malaria and had nothing to do but pick away at the walls of the hut. I was glad that it stirred you to do some sketches, as the Soudan people are keen to have something to amuse travellers in that lonely outpost.

"If you ever motor in the country in Summer, come and look me up (in Sussex). I have a good garden full of magnolias, rhododendrons, and azaleas, and should like to have your criticism on my bronze work .... I have always admired your work as an artist, and have been a subscriber to Punch for many years. Also I knew your work in the good old days of 'Pick-me-up,' when you and Sime made that gay little paper. Will you do another artist a favour? As I have 70 illustrations to do for a work I have written on the 'Courtship of Birds,' I want to do half of them in the manner you do your cartoons, and ask if you will tell me the name of the rough pencil you use. (I see you use pen work for fine lines as well) and the name of the firm that reproduces your drawings."

After receiving the information asked for, Millais wrote: "It is very kind of you to give me such clear advice .... As you say, paper for reproduction is the devil, as I loathe, as you no doubt do, everything of a coated surface, as it is non-permanent."

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CHEFOO NOTES.

INVASION OF U.S. FLEET ADDS NOTE OF GAIETY.

WEE GOLF COURSES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Chefoo, June 4.

On the evening of June 1 at the C.I.M. Memorial Hall, Mrs. H. Strausser gave an inspiring and delightful Violin Recital, playing some twelve pieces to a large and appreciative audience, the programme being composed of pieces by Schubert, Edward German, Kreisler, and the always popular "Perpetuo mobile" by Bohm. The accompanists were Mrs. E. P. Railton and Mr. H. J. Chalkley who accompanied the talented violinist on the piano with their usual ability. During the evening lovely bouquets of roses were presented to both Mrs. Strausser and Mrs. E. Railton by girls from the C.I.M. Girls' School.

A large gathering met at H.B.M. Consulate at noon on the 3rd to honour H.B.M. King George's Birthday. Just after noon the Consul gave "the Toast" of the Day "The King" which was enthusiastically received.

U.S. Fleet Arrives.

The American Fleet has arrived and Chefoo is already beginning to feel that the advent of several thousand men into its midst is not an altogether unmixed blessing.

The Navy "Y" and other establishments are all getting busy, and in one way and another seek the interests of the men. This year two "Wee Golf Courses" have been opened, this is quite a new venture and it looks as though they will become most popular as they cater to give the men both recreation and amusement of a truly healthful character.

Repairs to Roads.

The New Municipal Council which took over from the International Committee at the end of last year are doing good work on the roads and bridges, so that we trust ere long to see many improvements carried out which the ex-International Committee had not the power to do as the Committee was a purely voluntary one without Official backing, which, as can be easily seen, was a great handicap in attempting to carry out any drastic improvements, such as they often felt were sorely needed.

SILVER PARLEY.

JAPANESE NOT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

FEARS OF FAILURE.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Government has definitely decided not to take the initiative in promoting a silver conference, as it fears the possibility of aggravating the situation in the event of the conference failing.

The Japanese Ambassador at Washington has been instructed to notify the United States accordingly.—Reuter.

BURMA RISING.

TWELVE MEN SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Tharrawaddy, Yesterday.

A special tribunal has sentenced to death twelve men for participation in the rebellion of last December.

Twenty-six men have been sentenced to imprisonment for life, four were acquitted and seven were discharged.—Reuter.

POPE BROADCASTS.

EXHORTS WORKMEN TO UNION AND CONCORD.

Vatican City, May 15.

Speaking in Italian, French and German, Pope Pius addressed 10,000 workmen in the courtyard of San Damaso to-day, exhorting them to industrial concord and union. The address was broadcast throughout the world by the Vatican City radio station.

The Pope blessed and counselled labour of the world at an observance commemorating Pope Leo XIII's encyclical on Rerum Novarium dealing with the rights and duties of workers. He celebrated mass in the forenoon in St. Peter's in the presence of nearly 20,000 persons, half of whom were Catholic workers.

The reconstruction of the entire economic system by "bringing it back to the requirements of social justice, so as to insure the more equitable distribution of the united proceeds of capital and labour" was urged in the encyclical letter broadcast by the Pontiff in the afternoon.

The letter goes farther than the encyclical issued 40 years ago by Pope Leo. The Pope said that his reason from the encyclical was that it "will trace for the church and world at large an ample programme which remains to be realised before the courageous and splendid initiative of Pope Leo XIII can be said to have completely attained its purposes.

Three Parts.

The letter was divided into three parts. In the first the Pontiff enumerated the benefits which resulted from Pope Leo's encyclical letter. He said that these consisted of given form, substance and development to sociology and economics according to the Catholic principle; the promoting of a more solid organisation of working men in the religious, moral and social fields.

Pope Leo's encyclical, the letter stated, "also is a resolute assertion of the right possessed even by working men to form associations for their mutual aid and for the legitimate defence of their common interest."

In the second part, Pope Pius discussed the changes which have occurred since Pope Leo's time. He vindicated the duty of the church and the Pope to interfere with social problems when they come under the moral and evangelical law. He referred to the Catholic doctrines concerning the rights of private property.

The Pontiff wrote, "It is necessary to reconstruct the whole economic system by bringing it back to the requirements of social justice, so as to insure a more equitable distribution of the united proceeds of capital and labour."

This is essential, he stated, because there is "an excessive and unjust disproportion in the commodities of life between capital and labour. Immense riches have accumulated in the hands of a few, while the proletarians have nothing but their hands and the sweat of their brows."

Uplifting the Proletarian.

The reconstruction he proposes, the Pope concluded, will be achieved by uplifting the proletarian, which Pope Leo desired. Toward this end, the Pontiff stated that wages must satisfy the legitimate requirements of honest workers and the family. He pleaded for co-operation between the classes and between the trade groups.

The third part of the encyclical dealt generally with the economic system, asserting that, although it is not an evil in itself, it is seriously warped by grave abuses. The Pope is concerned over the concentration of wealth, which, he declares, results in tyranny and despotism. He asserted that the only efficacious remedy is to return to the sane principles of Christian and social philosophy.

The Pontiff inveighed against communism and socialism, declaring that, though socialism approaches the Catholic doctrine, "it is not possible to be at once a good Catholic and a true socialist."

He concluded that the root of the present economical situation lies "in men fixing their eyes on earthly goods with heed for God and eternal things."

The encyclical closes in a note of rejoicing that so many clergy and laity filled with the spirit of Catholic action are labouring in the various countries. "The Church," the Pope said, "doesn't fear for herself, but for so many of her sons and so many souls who would be lost."

NO CHAMPAGNE.

PANDIT JAWAHARLAL DENIES PRISON STORY.

In a letter to the Ceylon Daily News published below, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru disposes of the oft-repeated canard that Sir Harcourt Butler, the Governor of the United Provinces, sent champagne to his father, Pandit Motilal, when the latter was in gaol. The story had been repeated by the Statesman which in the course of an editorial had said:—

"There is a well authenticated story that when the premonitory symptoms were at work but their seriousness not as yet realised Sir Harcourt Butler, the Governor of the United Provinces, laughingly told the Pandit over the dinner table that if he ever went to prison, he, Sir Harcourt, would see that he did not go without champagne. Much to his surprise the Governor later found himself compelled to arrest his friend, but he did not forget his word and champagne from the Governor's cellar graced the Pandit's prison meals."

Pandit Jawaharlal's letter is as follows:—

Sir,—A friend has drawn my attention to a letter appearing in your issue of the 7th in which reference is made to a canard about Sir Harcourt Butler sending a bottle of champagne to my father when he was in prison. There are so many imaginary stories about my father that it is difficult to keep pace with them or to contradict them. But as my attention has been drawn to this particular one, I should like to say that it is entirely without foundation. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will contradict it.

NOT TOTAL LOSS.

MOTOR SHIP ROSEVILLE NOW REFLOATED.

Shanghai, To-day.

The agents state that the motor vessel Roseville (9,000 tons) was refloated on Wednesday.

It was at first believed that the vessel will be a total loss, but with favourable weather the work of salving the ship and cargo went on steadily.—Reuter.

YUGO-SLAVIA VISIT.

BRITISH NAVAL SQUADRON TO PAY A CALL.

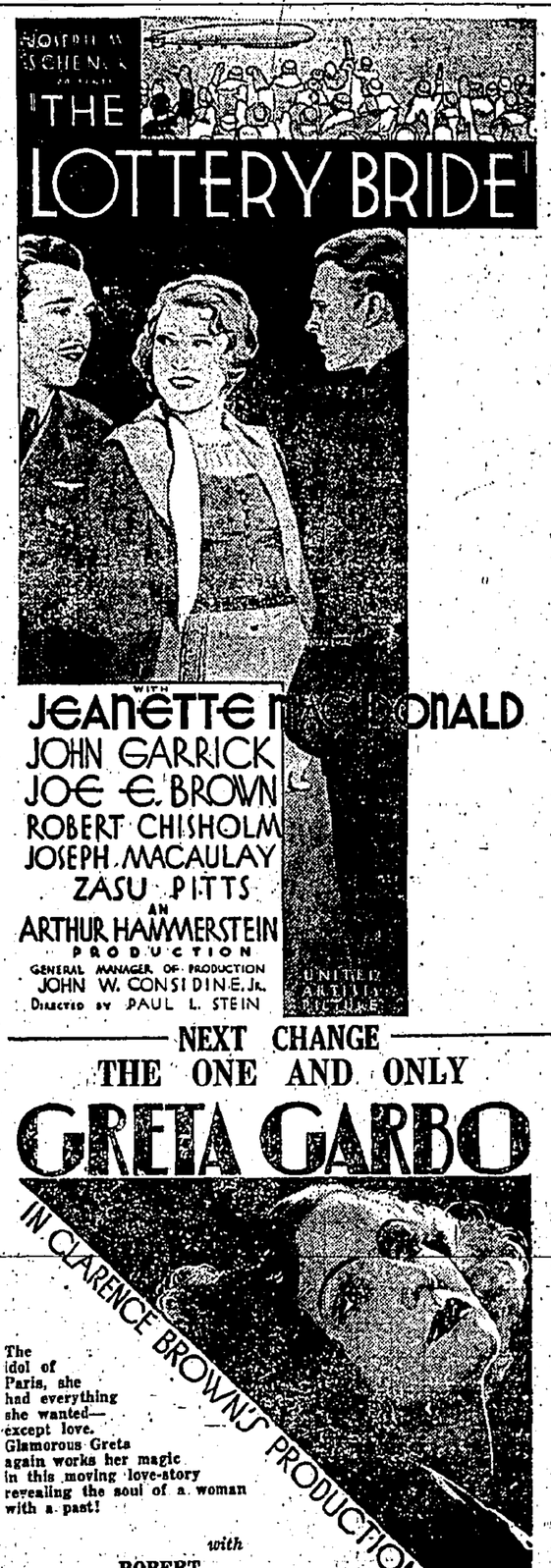
Rugby, Yesterday.

H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth and part of the Third Cruiser Squadron will visit Yugo-Slavia waters in July and August.

The visiting vessels will include three cruisers, nine destroyers, and four other craft.—British Wireless Service.

AMUSEMENTS OF HONG KONG

AT THE QUEEN'S TO-DAY TO TUESDAY At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.



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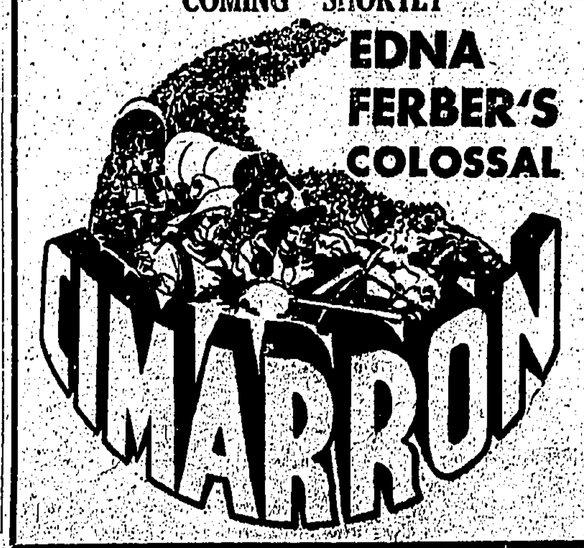

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